Timothy's Lesson:

Or, A

SUMMARY RELATION

Of the

Historical Part of

HOLY SCRIPTURE,

Plainly and familiarly Comprized in Metre, for the Help of Memory, and Instruction of the Ignorant.

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You shall teach them your Children, speaking of them, when thou sittest in thine House, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

COLOS. 3. 16.

Let the Word of Christ dwell plenteously in you; teaching and admonishing your selves in Psalms, and Hymns, and spiritual Songs, &c.

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In *MOMUM.*

WAS *Momus* (trow you) whelp'd in Butcher's Stall,
That he reſembles ſo that greedy kind?
For mark: the worſt that is of men let fall,
Lying in midſt of better Fare, half pin'd,
He chambers, as a bait pleaſing his mind.
Fie on him, fie, that he ſo curriſh lie,
Should joy in that, which others do defie.

Or was he of that Cur's moſt ſpiteful Brood,
Which ſate in Crib, keeping the Ox from meat?
For he from others keeps that wholſom Food,
Which (hungry Souls) they ſeek for with their ſweat,
And yet himſelf diſdains thereof to eat.
O curſed Envy! that to ſtray the more,
Will even himſelf lead way unto death's door.

Or rather ſprang he from that helliſh Hound,
That welcome damned Souls to *Pluto*'s place?
He ſo doth triumph when ought may be found
In others, that may turn to their diſgrace.
(O worthy progeny! O noble race!)
What e're he deemed was, be ſure of this,
Were he a *God*, yet now a *Dog* he is.

What, what a *Dog*? and ſhould his ſnarling bay,
Scare men from that the wiſe have healthful tri'd?
No, worthy *Jaſon* held on in his way,
Tho' he might ſeem by Sea and Land deny'd,
By Bulls repell'd, by Dragons fell envied.
Shall hope of Treaſures earthly ſo inflame,
And ſhall not heavenly much more do the ſame?

The Author to the Curious READER.

I Leave Perfection of a Poet's Skill,
(which doth with ſilver Rays poor Ruſticks
To Silveſter's, *and to* Du Barta's *quill,* *(daunt*
and ſuch as harbour where the Muſes *haunt;*
Bathing in Cryſtal Streams of rare Conceits,
conceiting what they liſt of any ſubject,
Subjecting whatſoever them delights,
unto their Wit and Art, their natures object.
To ſuch leave I, the Majeſty
of Poetry divine:
More rife is their Dexterity,
their Wits more ripe than mine.

There needs no Garland where the Wine is good,
nor Colours, where the Subſtance is moſt pure:
Sincerity by Truth hath ever ſtood,
and ſhall, ſo long as doth the Truth endure,
More Truth than Sacred Verity,
no Creature can require.
And who ſo likes Simplicity,
lo here his full Deſire.

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THE

FIRST PART

Of the SUM of the

HOLY HISTORY.

SECT. I.

IN the Beginning GOD alone,
did Heaven and Earth create;
He ſpake the Word, and it was done, *Geneſis.*
as Scriptures do relate. Chap. 1.
The Earth had neither Form nor Face,
the Darkneſs covered all,
When thus he made in ſix days ſpace,
the Creatures great and ſmall.
The firſt Day he commanded Light,
The Darkneſs to prevent:
The ſecond Day he rear'd in ſight,
the ſtately Firmament:
The third, the Earth with Fruits adorn'd,
the ſwelling Sea debars;
The fourth, the Sun and Moon were form'd,
with all the Glorious Stars:

The fifth, the Fiſh with Scales and Fins,
and then the feathered Foul:
The ſixth, the Beaſts and creeping things,
and then that living Soul,
Which that one God, in Perſons Three,
did make by Conſultation,
With purpoſe that the ſame ſhould be,
the Mirror of Creation.
Even Male, and Female perfect man,
right Holy, Wiſe, and Juſt:
For he did bear God's Image then,
though he were made of Duſt.
Thus having finiſh't all with ſpeed,
and bleſt them, and proteſted,
That each thing made was good indeed,
the ſeventh Day he reſted.
For *Adam*'s Aid, who was alone,
the Lord God formed *Eve*:
Fleſh of his fleſh, Bone of his bone,
and unto them did give,
A Sovereign Power in *Paradiſe*,
to rule by Sea and Land.
And all the Creatures did rejoyce,
to do what they command;
And all the Fruits were theirs for meat,
that in the Garden grew;
Save one alone, which if they eat,
Death certain ſhall enſue.
But *Eve* for all that liſtened
unto the Serpent's lies,
And took and eat the Fruit forbid;
yea, *Adam* ate likewiſe,
And thereby thought like God to be;
but for this great Offence,
Poor Souls! to ſhame and miſery
they were caſt out from thence.

Now

Now wretched Man was wrapt in woe,
and in his loyns his Heirs,
For curſed and corrupt they go: *Verſe* 15.
yet to prevent deſpairs,
God promiſed them to reſtore
unto a State more ſtable,
And *Eve* unto her Husband bore, *Chap.* 4.
Cain and his brother *Abel.*
Abel was ſlain by curſed *Cain*,
who did his Goodneſs ſcorn, Anno mundi, 130.
But *Evah* did conceive again,
and godly *Seth* was born.

SECT. II.

FRom *Seth* did ſpring a Race of Men
religious and upright,
Yea *Henoch* walkt with God, and then
was taken out of ſight.
His Grand-child *Lamech* did beget Anno 1056
Noah: and then began,
The Sons of God their face to ſet,
on Daughters fair of Man:
Thence Giants came and mungrel kind, *Chap.* 6.
on whom the Lord did frown,
And for their ſin and wicked mind,
did threat the World to drown.
Noah alone on Earth did live,
uprightly; him God ſent,
And did an hundred Years them give,
and twenty to repent.
Mean while built *Noah* at his Charge,
an Ark three ſtories high:
The wicked World liv'd ſtill at large,
and dream'd that *Noe* did lie:

Chap. 7. Till Fountains burſt, and open ſtood,
Heaven's windows all, for rain,
Which quickly caus'd a fearful Flood,
for down it pours amain,
Anno 1656. And all the Earth with ruin fills;
Men, Beaſts, and Birds muſt die,
When as the Flood above the Hills
flow'd fifteen Cubits high.
Which rag'd well near a Year about,
and then was *Noah* bidden
To bring thoſe living Creatures out,
which in the Ark were hidden.
And out they came, both they and theirs,
four Women and four Men,
The unclean Creatures all by pairs,
the clean by ſevens; and then,
Chap. 8. They offer'd Sacrifice, God ſmell'd
a ſmell of Reſt; wherefore
He promiſed though Man rebell'd
to drown the World no more:
And plac'd the Rainbow for a pledge
and did again vouchſafe
Chap. 9. To Man, a Sovereign Priviledge
above the Beaſts, and gave
Their fleſh for Food. Thus having made
a Covenant of Peace,
With *Noah* and his Sons; he bad
they ſhould Mankind increaſe.
Of *Japhet* did the Gentiles ſpring,
of *Cham* the *Canaanite*,
Who curſt was for uncovering
his Father's ſhameful ſight,
But *Sem* unto the Bleſſed Line,
was Heir, and from him came,
A Race and Progeny Divine
to Father *Abraham*.

Now

Now all the World, in ſpeech was one,
and did to build conſpire
A *Babel*, and confuſion
they gained for their hire.

SECT. III.

THis *Abraham* a faithful Man,
left Land and Kindred all, *Anno* 2008.
And wandring up and down he ran
where e're his God did call.
From *Ur* he went to *Canaan*, *Chap.* 12.
with *Sara* and with *Lot*,
To ſettle there he ſcarce began
but that by Famine hot,
To *Ægypt* he was forc'd to flie,
where fearing much his life,
Before King *Pharaoh* fainingly
he did deny his Wife.
To *Bethel* he goes back again, *Chap.* 13.
where Strife began to grow,
'Twixt *Lot* and him; for Wealth amain,
did in upon them flow.
Old *Abraham*, with humble Heart,
to younger *Lot* gave place,
And in diſtreſs did take his part
and reſcue him in chaſe. *Chap.* 14.
Melchizedec did him meet and bleſs,
but childleſs ſtill he ſtaid,
Till *Iſhmael*; and that increaſe *Chap.* 16.
was but by *Sara*'s Maid:
Yet God by ſpecial Promiſes, *Chap.* 13.
himſelf did often tie, 16. 15. 5. 17.
As Heavens Stars, and ſand of Seas, 6.
his Seed to multiply. *Chap.* 17.

And ſeal'd it with a Sacrament,
to him and his Heirs Male;
When ſolemnly he did appoint,
to circumciſe them all.
Jam. 2. 23. Mean time he did him entertain,
very familiarly;
Chap. 18. Much like a Friend, as was moſt plain,
when *Sodom*'s ſinful cry
Did pierce the Skies, and God down came;
and if but Ten good Men
Could there been found; for *Abraham*,
the Lord had ſpar'd it then.
So Fire and Brimſtone fearfully
from Heaven fell apace,
Chap. 19. And furnace-like the ſmoak did fly:
juſt *Lot* in better caſe,
To little *Zoar* fled for life,
where in a drunken mood,
On's Daughters (having loſt his Wife)
he got a * curſed Brood.

SECT. IV.

Chap. 20. THence *Abraham* went to *Gerar* Land,
where he again for fear,
Deny'd his Wife, but by God's Hand,
Abimelech did forbear.
Long had he waited, hope was paſt,
yet ſtill he did believe;
And God remembred him at laſt,
Chap. 21. and *Sara* did Conceive:
And in her old Age *Iſaac* bare,
and nurſt him on her knee,
And joyful *Abram* did not ſpare
to make a feaſt; but ſee

This

This only Son, and only Heir,
of Promise God Commands,
To be both slain, and burnt with fire *Anno* 2108
and that by *Abram*'s hand.
Well: he obey'd, and call'd his Men,
Wood, Knife, and some he took,
On, to the place they go, and when
was bent the deadly Stroke
God staid his hand, and in the stead
of *Isaac* there was ty'd,
A Ram for Sacrifice. Indeed *Chap.* 22.
here *Abraham*'s Faith was try'd.
His Son thus spar'd, his godly Care
was next about to spy,
For him a Wife, and therefore sware *Chap.* 24.
his Man's Fidelity.
Who full religiously perform'd
the Office on him laid,
And with *Rebeckah* soon return'd,
a fair and vertuous Maid;
Whom *Isaac* married, but still,
She barren was, they pray'd:
God heard, and granted all their Will, *Chap.* 25.
and further to her said;
The Babes that in her Womb did strive,
were Twins and Nations twain,
The younger should prevail and thrive,
the elder should remain
A servant: *Esau* was his Name,
and as he Venison sought,
And back again well wearied came,
his Brother *Jacob* bought
His Birth-right for a Mess of Broth,
mean while was *Isaac* blessed,
Though envious Philistines be wroth, *Chap.* 26.
and him with Wrongs oppressed. *ver.* 14, 15.

When

When Age came on and Eyes waxt dim,
then ſolemnly he meant,
To bleſs his Son, requiring him,
Veniſon for that intent.
About goes *Eſau* with his Bow,
but *Jacob* doth prevent him;
Chap. 7. The means his Mother did him ſhow,
and cunningly preſent him,
In *Eſau*'s Clothes and Skins of Kids,
unto his Father; who
Miſtruſts the Voice and therefore bids,
come near to feel and know.
With fat of Earth, and Heaven's Dew,
with happy Seed and Kin,
He bleſt him (reverend was the ſhew)
and then came *Eſau* in.
And he with Tears and piteous Moan,
the Bleſſing ſought in vain,
He came too late, alas 'twas gone,
with that he beat his Brain
To ſeek and work Revenge, and then
the days (quoth he) make ſpeed,
Of mourning for my Father, when
I'll ſlay him for this Deed.

SECT. V.

THen did *Rebeckah* forthwith call,
and ſend *Jacob* away,
Leſt *Eſau* ſhould upon him fall,
his bloody Vow to pay.
And *Iſaac* charg'd him (taking leave)
to play a wiſer part,
Then *Eſau*, who did vex and grieve,
Chap. 21. by heathen Wives his Heart.

But

But he ſhould to his Uncle go,
and match in godly Race,
And bleſſing ſhould be with him; ſo,
he went out from their face:
As he in fields that night did ſleep,
in *Haran* on a ſtone;
By Dream he ſaw a Ladder ſteep
from Heaven; and thereon
The Angels paſſing, and above
God ſtanding all in view,
The bleſſed Promiſe of his Love,
with *Jacob* to renew.
There *Jacob* vow'd the Lord to fear:
thence on he went apace,
Inquiring in the fields to hear,
of *Laban*'s dwelling place.
The Shepherds ſhew'd him readily, Chap. 29.
his Couſin *Rachel* there:
Whom he ſaluted chearfully,
and ſhe could not forbear,
But ran and carry'd home the News:
then *Laban* hies to meet him,
To dwell there he muſt not refuſe,
where all his Kindred greet him:
A match was made, and ſeven Years
for *Rachel* ſerve he muſt;
But *Leah* in the light appears,
ſo falſe was *Laban*'s truſt.
Well, ſeven more he was content,
to ſerve for his Beloved,
And thought the time full quickly ſpent, Chap. 29.
though full of Toyl it proved. *verſ.* 20.
God bleſſed *Laban* for his ſake, Chap. 31.
but him he bleſt much more. 38, 39.
Whatever Wages he did take,
to him was Gain and Store.

Then

Then *Laban* did envy his Wealth,
yet loath to let him go,
Chap. 31. But *Jacob* fled away by ſtealth,
and made him (following) know
The wrong he did; and both good Friends,
after a chiding parted.
Then *Jacob* in his Journey ſends
to pacifie hard-hearted
Eſau his Brother, who in Arms
was then againſt him bent;
But God prevented all the Harms,
and *Eſau* did relent.
Chap. 32. So *Jacob* called *Iſrael*,
(for God had chang'd his Name
When he prevail'd at *Peniel*)
in peace to *Shechem* came.
Here *Dinah* did a gadding go
and to her ſelf brought Shame:
And to the *Shechemites* much wo,
and to her Brethren Blame.

SECT. VI.

THence up to *Bethel* had he word,
to go to pay his Vow
Chap. 35. Of Holy Worſhip, for the Lord
again to *Canaan* now;
From *Padan Aram* had him fet;
where mightily he grew
In Family and Subſtance great:
his Sons Names here enſue.
Reuben, Dan, Levi, Simeon,
Chap. 29. 30. *Iſſachar, Naphtalin,*
Aſer, Gad, Judah, Zebulon,
Joſeph and *Benjamin.*
Theſe Twelve were Patriarchs, whoſe ſeed,
ſtill multiplied more,

Even

Even to thoſe Thouſands promiſed
ſo oft and long before.
Judah the Royal Line enjoy'd,
who for a Deed amiſs,
Had *Tamar*'s Life with fire deſtroy'd,
but that the Fault was his.
Young *Joſeph Jacob*'s Joy, the reſt Chap. 37.
ſtill ſtomached and ſpited,
Yet Hatred he deſerved leaſt,
had him his Brethren righted;
For Envy they conſpir'd to kill,
but *Reuben* did perſwade;
Yet ſecretly they did him ſell,
to Men of Merchants Trade; Chap. 38.
Who ſold him unto *Potiphar*,
where though he lived chaſte,
And faithfully himſelf did bear,
yet was in Priſon caſt. Chap. 39.
But God beheld his Miſery,
and gave him Wiſdom great;
By which he was advanced high,
even next to *Pharaoh*'s Seat.
For when the King no Reſt could find,
of Dreams that him had paſt, Chap. 41.
Th' ungrateful Butler then to mind
doth *Joſeph* call at laſt.
And then he was from Priſon ſent,
and ſet before the King;
Where he to *Pharaoh*'s great Content,
Expounded every thing.
Beſides, he ſhew'd a ready way,
the Famine to withſtand,
Which *Pharaoh* lik'd, and then did lay
on him the Charge in hand.
So by him was Proviſion made,
againſt the time of Need:

Where-

Chap. 47. *verſ.* 14. 17. 19. Wherewith (to *Pharaoh*'s gainful Trade) all *Ægypt* he did feed.

SECT. VII.

Chap. 42. OLD *Jacob* and his Sons alſo,
were pinch'd with Penury,
Wherefore he charged them to go
and Food in *Ægypt* buy.
They went with Grief, and bought in Fear,
not dreaming of their Brother,
Nor did he Countenance them bear
more kind than any other;
Chap. 45. Till when they came to him again,
Affection was ſo great,
He could no longer it contain,
within his Breaſt for heat.
With weeping Eye and joyful Tongue,
he then did plainly tell,
He was their Brother *Joſeph*, whom
to *Ægypt* they did ſell.
The Joy of either was ſo much,
that neither now could bear it;
Their ſobbing Paſſion was ſuch,
that *Pharaoh*'s Houſe did hear it.
Who underſtanding what they were,
commanded preſently,
With Charets, Horſe, and Furniture
for *Jacob* they ſhould hie.
Anno 2298. Chap. 46. So He with all his Family,
came thither out of hand;
And welcomed moſt lovingly,
were plac'd in *Goſhen* Land.
Chap. 47. In *Goſhen* Land did *Jacob* ſee
the fulneſs of his days,

And

And in his Sons Proſperity,
his fill of earthly Joys.
But ſolemnly before his Death,
he bleſt his Sons each one: Chap. 49.
And *Joſeph* eke gave up the Breath,
e're many Years were gone. Chap. 50.
Now when theſe Fathers both were dead,
and ſtill their Seed did grow:
There roſe a *Pharaoh* in his ſtead,
that did not *Joſeph* know.
He Tyrant-like with heavy Hand, *Exodus.*
of Bondage preſt them down, Chap. 1.
And gave the Midwives ſtrait command,
the Males to kill or drown.

SECT. VIII.

BOrn in theſe Flames was *Moſes* mild, *Anno* 2428.
and by God's Providence,
Though caſt in River Flags (poor Child)
yet was he freed thence;
By *Pharaoh*'s Daughter, who did take, Chap. 2.
and keep him as her own;
Until he came to Man's Eſtate,
when fearing to be known,
For killing an *Egyptian*; he
forſook the Court and fled:
And all this was by God's Decree,
whoſe Work muſt now be ſped.
For God had heard the grievous Cry,
of *Hebrews* ſore oppreſſed,
And *Moſes* he meant to imploy Chap. 3.
in having it redreſſed.
And called and ſent him away, Chap. 4.
to proud King *Pharaoh*;

Re-

Requiring him without delay
to let his People go.
Anno 2508. But *Pharaoh* did the Lord deſpiſe,
and asked what was he?
Increaſing more and more their Cries,
by greater Cruelty.
Chap. 5: The Lord to tame this Tyrant ſtout,
and his own Folk to right,
Chap. 7. With *Moſes* ſendeth *Aaron* out,
to make him know his Might.
They cauſed Blood, Frogs, Lice, and Flies,
with Murrain, Scabs, and Hail;
And Graſhoppers and darkened Skies,
Chap. 8. all *Ægypt* to aſſail;
Chap. 9. Excepting *Goſhen* Land, where dwelt
Chap. 10. God's People *Iſrael*.
Yet *Pharaoh*'s Heart did nothing melt,
for ſtill he did rebel.
Then was the Paſſover ordain'd,
Chap. 12. and with the Paſchal Blood,
The Poſts of all their Doors were ſtain'd,
for their Safegard and Good;
Leſt that the Angel paſſing by,
ſhould ſmite them with the reſt:
For he the Firſt-born did deſtroy,
of *Ægypt* Man and Beaſt:
Which Slaughter caus'd them dreadfully
at Midnight up to ſtart,
And to entreat with woful Cry,
all *Iſrael* to depart.
From *Ægypt* then they forced went,
with borrowed Jewels plenty,
When they in *Ægypt* Years had ſpent
four Hundred Ten and Twenty.
But *Pharaoh* did repent the Deed,
and forthwith did not ſlack,

With

With Men and Chariots to make ſpeed
again to bring them back.
And to the Red-Sea them purſu'd,
they paſſed thorow dry, Chap. 14.
He followed with Courage proud,
but in the midſt did lie.
For God affrighted Man and Horſe,
and made his Chariots fall;
The Sea return'd with raging Force,
and drowned King and all.
Of this ſo ſtrange Deliverance,
was then a godly Song, Chap. 15.
Recorded for Remembrance,
and ſo they march't along.

SECT. IX.

ABout this time (the learned Judge)
did patient *Job* endure, *Job.*
All Miſchiefs that the Devil's Grudge,
and Malice could procure
To Children, Servants, Goods, good Name,
to Body, and to his Mind;
By Fire, Sword, Whirlwinds, Botch and Blain,
by Wife and Friends unkind.
Who long and large Diſcourſes had,
to prove him plagu'd for ſin,
Whereby they did Affliction add,
to Miſery he was in.
And to ſuch Paſſions did him drive,
'twixt hearts Deſpair and Hope,
That Fleſh and Spirit did ſtrongly ſtrive,
and ſcarce to Breath gave ſcope:
But God at laſt, Juſt *Job* commends, Chap. 42.
and doubl'd his former Weal,

And

And check't his three cenſorious Friends,
but now to *Iſrael.*
The Lord their God in open ſight
Chap. 13. directed them the way;
By fiery Pillar in the Night;
and ſhady Cloud by Day.
With Angel's Food and Waters fine,
from Rocks that forced Stream,
Chap. 15. 24. 16. 3. 17. 3. He fill'd them, yet they did repine
full oft, e're that they came
To *Sinai*; where the God of Might
Chap. 19. in Glory did appear
And *Iſrael* trembled at the ſight:
Chap. 20. nor durſt, nor might come near.
There did He give the Ten Commands,
and other Laws did Write,
For to contain them in the Bands
Chap. 26. of Holineſs and Right.
There did he unto *Moſes* ſhow
the Tabernacle's Frame;
In every Point he taught him how
Chap. 28. to make and uſe the ſame.
There made he choice of *Levi*'s Tribe,
the Prieſthood to attend.
And did their Duties all deſcribe
at large from End to End.
Chap 32. Mean while had *Iſrael* made a Calf,
and grievouſly offended;
But *Moſes* Zeal in God's behalf,
deſerves to be commended:
Who ſharply puniſh'd with the Sword,
about three Thouſand Men,
And earneſtly beſought the Lord,
to ſpare the Remnant then.
Chap. 33, 34. God granted it, and promiſed
his Angel ſhould (in Token

Of

Of Love) them lead; and then he did
renew the Tables broken.
Full forty Days and forty Nights,
was *Moſes* in the Hill,
Recording what the Lord indites,
his Precepts, Laws and Will.
Familiarly and face to face,
and faſting from all Food,
He waited in that Holy Place:
and thence he came and ſtood
In preſs of People to recite
all that the Lord had ſaid; Cap. 34.30.
What time his Face did ſhine ſo bright,
as made them much afraid.

SECT. X.

WHen as the Tabernacle now, *Anno* 2510.
was finiſhed and reared:
And with Appurtenances due, Chap. 40.
well furniſhed appeared.
Towards *Canaan* the promis'd Land, *Numbers.*
that flow'd with Milk and Hony, Chap. 10.
They marched forth Band after Band,
with ſtubborn Hearts and ſtony.
For by the way they ſoon forgot
Gods Mercy and his Power;
And car'd not how they him provok'd
to Anger every hour.
They long for Fleſh, they MANNA loath, Chap. 11.
and back they will retire.
They fret at GOD and *Moſes* both, Chap. 14.
for croſſing their deſire:
Nor would they warned be, though they
his dreadful Judgments ſaw

On

On them inflicted day by day,
which liv'd not under Law.
Chap. 16. As *Korah*, *Dathan*, *Abiram*,
with thouſands more among,
Chap. 12. *Nadab*, *Abihu*, *Miriam*,
and ſuch as Serpents ſtung.
Yet tempted they the Lord ſo long,
and with ſo high an hand;
That in his Wrath he ſwore, not one,
ſhould enter to the Land.
Save *Joſhua* and *Caleb*, who
Chap. 14. returning with the Spies,
Affirm'd the Truth that they did know,
and croſs'd their Fellows Lies.
So wandred they in Wilderneſs,
the ſpace of forty Years;
Till all were dead that did tranſgreſs;
Chap. 26. 64. as by God's Book appears.
Their Sons he then did forward bring,
'gainſt all that kept them back,
As *Sihon*, *Og*, and *Moab*'s King,
whoſe Name was *Balaack*.
Who hired *Balaam* them to curſe,
and ſo thought to moleſt them;
But for himſelf it was much worſe,
for *Balaam* three times bleſt them:
He and thoſe two, and five Kings more,
Chap. 21. 24. which were of *Midian*,
Chap. 22. Were in revenge of *Baal-peor*,
ſubdued, ſpoiled, ſlain.
Chap. 31. Here *Reuben*'s Tribe, and *Gad* alſo,
their Heritage poſſeſt,
On promiſe they ſhould marching go
Chap. 25. 17, 18. in Arms before the reſt.
Chap. 32. Here *Moſes* named every one
Numb. 34. that ſhould the Land divide,

And

And gave a fit Poſſeſſion
unto each ſeveral Tribe.
And now muſt *Moſes* make an End,
as did his Fathers all:
Wherefore he did not time miſpend, *Deut.* 31,
but preſently did call
For *Joſhua*, and gave him Charge,
the People to conduct,
Whom he by Sermons long and large, Chap 28.
divinely did inſtruct. 29.30. 32.
Which with a ſweet and Swan-like Song, 33.
in heavenly wiſe he ended;
And bleſt the Tribes each one along,
and forthwith he aſcended
Mount *Nebo*, unto *Piſgah* Top, Chap. 34:
whence as he did ſurvey,
The *Canaan* Land, the earthly Hope,
God took his Soul away, *Anno* 2549.
To Heavens reſt; and buried then,
his Body none know where,
When Peerleſs he amongſt all Men,
had lived ſixſcore Year:
And yet his Eye-ſight did not dim,
nor Natures Forces wither;
There *Iſrael* lamented him,
for thirty Days together.

SECT. XI.

THen did the Lord call *Joſhua*, *Joſhua* 1.
and bid him to be Strong,
And truſt in him who is his Stay,
and boldly go along.
So he the Captain ſends out Spies, Chap. 2.
whom *Rahab* ſafe did hide,
And they return'd in joyful wiſe,
which made them to provide

To

To pass with speed into the Land,
Chap. 3. at *Joshua* his Word,
The *Jordan* Waters back did stand,
and Passage dry afford.
Chap. 4. In midst whereof in open view,
they did a Pillar rear,
Chap. 5. The Circumcision they renew,
Chap. 6. the *Manna* ceased there.
Chap. 7. Then set they upon *Jericho*,
and also upon *Ai*.
But *Achan*'s Sin did work them wo,
and from the Conquest stay,
Chap. 9. The *Gibeonites* by Subtilty
were saved, but the case
Of all the rest, was for to die,
and give God's People place:
Who cast them out, and did them kill,
with a victorious Hand,
For this the Sun and Moon stood still,
Chap. 10. at *Joshua*'s Command.
When he had now fully possest,
each several Tribe in order,
And given to all Content and Rest
By Lot in every Border:
Religiously he did them press,
Chap. 24. a Holy League to make,
Chap. 25. For him and his, he did profess
none other God to take:
And them and theirs he did adjure
to fear this God for ay.
So having seal'd the Covenant sure,
Anno 2566. he pass'd by Death away.
Full soon had they the Lord forgot,
when *Joshua* was dead,
Chap. 1 Then *Judah* had the Charge and Lot
their Armies forth to lead,

But

But for their great Tranſgreſſions,
and League with *Canaanite*,
God gave them to Oppreſſions,
of cruel Men of Might.
Who ſpoyl'd them without Mean or End,
and did them ſorely grieve,
Until their God did Judges ſend, Chap. 2.
their Grievance to relieve;
Againſt King *Cuſhan*'s Tyranny, Chap. 3.
ſtout *Othniel* raiſed he,
And when fat *Eglon* made them cry,
lame *Ehud* made them free.
'Gainſt *Sijera* of *Canaan*,
did *Deborah* prevail,
Now *Ruth* obtain'd that honeſt Man, Chap. 4.
when nearer kin did fail,
'Gainſt *Midian* a mighty Hoſt, Chap. 7.
march'd Captain *Gideon*.
Bloody *Abimelech* did boaſt; Chap. 9.
he next would Reign or none,
The proud oppreſſing *Ammonite*, Chap. 11.
by *Iphtah* was ſubdued;
The *Philiſtines* for all their Spite, Chap. 15.
the Birth of *Sampſon* rued.
Whoſe matchleſs Streng th miraculous,
was over-match'd by Guile,
Of *Dalilah* perfideous Chap. 16.
who wrought his Bane the while.
When none amongſt them rul'd as King,
each what he lifted did:
Then *Micah* made a molten thing, Chap. 17.
and it he worſhipped.
And at ſuch time, that hainous ſin,
upon the *Levite*'s Wife,
'Twixt *Iſrael* and *Benjamin*, Chap. 19.
coſt many a thouſands life. Chap. 20.

SECT. XII.

1 *Sam.* Chap. 3. *Anno* 2905. Chap. 8. Chap. 9. Chap. 13. Chap. 14. Chap. 15.2. Chap. 15. Chap. 16. Chap. 17. Chap. 18.

ELI was Judge in *Israel*,
when for his Sons lewd ways,
God threatned him by *Samuel*,
that he a Scourge would raise:
This *Samuel* a righteous Man,
was last of all that judged,
And in his time the Kings began,
for then the people grudged;
And being male-content and sad,
would have a King to Reign,
O're them as other Nations had,
which was to *Samuel*'s pain.
But yet the Lord did them appoint,
a goodly Man and täll,
And *Samuel* did him anoint
their King; his Name was *Saul*.
A Princely Mind God to him gave,
with Complements of Place;
And he with *Jonathan* did brave
His Enemies oft in Chase.
Yet God that him advanc'd so high,
from Toyl and Asses Care;
He disobey'd when fooliſhly,
King *Agag* he did spare.
Therefore the Lord did him reject,
and little *David* chose,
Anointed *Israel*'s King Elect,
when he should *Saul* Depose.
Now great *Goliah* plaid his Prize,
but *David* knockt him down,
The People shout with joyful Cries,
and give him chief Renown.

Saul

Saul bit the Lip at *David*'s Praiſe,
and hated him the more;
Yea, ſought his Life all manner ways,
and chas'd him like a Boar. Chap. 19, 20.
With Javelin and with threatning Sword,
with Troops of Horſe and Men,
From Houſe and Home, from Bed and Board, Chap. 22, 23.
from Deſart, Den to Den.
Forced he was himſelf to fain,
with *Achiſh* to be mad, Chap. 21.
And for Defence to entertain
lewd Runnagates was glad. Chap. 21.
But *Jonathan* his faithful Friend, Chap 18.
at no time did forſake him, Chap. 19.
And ever did him warning ſend,
when *Saul* us'd means to take him. Chap. 20.
Although for it he did engage,
himſelf in Danger deep,
For ſuch was *Saul*'s ſuſpicious Rage,
none might his Counſel keep.
Abimelech did give him Bread Chap. 22.
in his Neceſſity,
But for it he was murdered, Chap. 22.
and all his Progeny.
Had *David* labour'd like for like,
his Enemy to repay,
He had both time and place to ſtrike, Chap. 24.
and Soldiers bad him ſlay: Chap. 26.
When they were come in Cave alone,
when with him faſt aſleep,
But he the Lord's Anointed one,
from harm did ſafely keep.
And that he did both Mercy love, Chap. 25.
and bloody Vengeance flee,
When churliſh *Nabal* did him move,
wiſe *Abigail* did ſee.

Chap.23. Now *Saul* with Envy almoſt pin'd,
and driven to diſtreſs,
Sought by a wretched Witch to find,
ſome Comfort and Redreſs.
Of which he fail'd, and in the field
as deſperately he fought.
Chap.31. His Sons were ſlain, his Soldiers yield,
and gaſtly he beſought
His Armor-bearer him to kill;
but he the deed abhorr'd,
His own Heart blood he then did ſpill,
with his own Hand and Sword.

SECT. XIII.

2 *Sam.* THen *David* was proclaim'd and reign'd
Anno 2945. in *Hebron*, *Judah*'s King:
But *Iſhboſheth* had *Iſrael* gain'd,
by *Abners* counſelling.
Chap. 2. Long War was 'twixt the Houſes both,
of *David* and of *Saul*,
Till *Abner* with his new King Wroth
to *David*'s ſide did fall.
Chap. 3. This *Abner* and eke *Iſhboſheth*,
were ſlain by Villany:
But *David* did lament their death,
and Murderers all defie,
Chap. 4: And being now eſtabliſhed,
ſole King of all the Land:
Chap. 5. And ſeeing each thing proſpered,
that he did take in hand:
He ſolemnly doth think it fit,
to fetch the Ark more near him,
Chap. 6. But *Uzzah*'s Death did hinder it,
God's Judgment did ſo fear him.

Yet

Yet afterward he brought it on,
and purpoſed to rear,
A Houſe for God; but he would none, Chap 7.
as *Nathan* made appear.
When he had all his Foes ſubdu'd,
and as a Monarch reign'd,
In Peace and Eaſe; ſee what enſu'd,
his upright Life was ſtain'd, Chap.11.
With Murder and Adultery, Chap.12.
whereof though he repented,
Yet was he puniſh'd diverſly
with haps to be lamented.
Firſt *Abſalom* ſhed *Amnon*'s Blood, Chap.13.
for Inceſt then he roſe,
And like a Villain armed ſtood, Chap 15.
his Father to depoſe.
Achitophel that crafty Wretch
had chief hand in this Matter,
But *Huſhai* did him o're-reach, Chap.17.
by Skill he had to flatter.
Shimei doth curſe, and rail, and throw Chap.19.
ſtones at him as he fled,
Sheba doth now Rebellion blow,
but for it loſt his Head.
The Peoples haſty numbering, Chap.24.
coſt ſeventy thouſand Lives, 1 *Kings.*
And laſtly in his aged Years, Chap. 1.
the Son a Wanton bred,
Even *Adoniah* boldly tears
the Crown from off his Head.
This Prophet after God's own heart.
this ſweet Pſalm-ſinging Prince,
Did to his God at laſt depart,
with Peace of Conſcience.

SECT. IV.

Anno 2985. NExt him did *Salomon* his Son,
the Kingdoms Scepter ſway,
There never ſate on regal Throne,
his peer unto this day.
1 *Kings*. For Wealth, for State, for princely Port,
for Plenty and for Peace,
For Wiſdom rare, and great reſort;
which made his Fame increaſe.
Chap. 3. Witneſs his Sentence in that Caſe,
of Queans crying out of Wrongs,
Chap. 4. His Purveiance, his horſes Race,
his Proverbs, Writings, Songs:
Chap. 6. Witneſs the Glorious Temple, which
he built for God's Great Name;
The Carvings, Coverings, Hangings rich,
the Treaſures of the ſame.
Chap. 8. Witneſs his Prayers that excel,
for Words, for Zeal, for Fitneſs,
His Offerings wonderful and well
may that wiſe Queen bear witneſs.
Who wondring at the comon fame,
unto his Court reſorted,
Chap. 10 7. To hear and ſee; and when ſhe came,
loe! half was not reported.
Yet *Solomon* who had theſe Mines
of Wiſdom and of Treaſure,
By many Wives and Concubines,
and ſurfeiting in Pleaſure;
Chap. 11. Was drawn from true Religion
and from Sincerity,
To wicked Superſtition,
and groſs Idolatry.

For

For which God's Judgment did begin,
his Kingdom rent in twain,
Judah alone and *Benjamin*,
did to his Heirs remain.
The other Tribes, in number Ten,
from their Allegiance fell;
Set up a King, and nam'd him then,
the King of *Iſrael*.
His Throne was at *Samaria*
on which he ruled them;
But *Judah*'s Seat Imperial,
was fair *Jeruſalem*.
And there did *Roboboam* reign, *Anno* 3015
when *Shiſhak* rob'd the Temple: Chap. 12.
And next him, his Son *Abiam*, Chap. 14.
the worſe for his ill Example.
Then *Aſa*, then *Jehoſaphat*, Chap.
both good and holy Kings, 15. 14.
For reformation; ſaving that, Chap.
they let alone ſome things. 22. 43.

SECT. V.

Kings of Iſrael.

MEan time, in *Iſrael*, *Nebat*'s Son, Chap. 12.
King *Jeroboam* reigned.
Who firſt, at *Bethel* and at *Dan*,
thoſe Calves and Prieſts ordained,
Nadab his Son, King *Baaſa*, Chap. 15.
King *Elah*, and King *Zimri*,
Did for the Crown each other ſlay.
ſo likewiſe did King *Omri*: Chap. 16.

But his Son *Ahab* with his Wife,
that curſed *Jezabel*,
Exceeded in ungodly Life,
and to ſuch Fury fell:
Chap. 17. That good *Eliah* fled for fear,
who was by Ravens fed;
Who rais'd the Widows Son moſt dear,
who laid *Baal*'s Prophets dead.
Chap. 18. By whom King *Ahab* warning had;
but words did naught prevail,
Verſe 2. Nor Famine, nor yet *Benhadad*,
who ſtrongly did aſſail
Chap. 21. *Samaria*: yet for all that
he killed *Naboth* juſt,
Chap. 22. And after got *Jehoſaphat*,
to ſerve unto his Luſt.
Verſe 27. For croſſing which, poor *Micaiah*,
was in the Dungeon caſt,
Verſe 34. But *Joſaphat* in Battel ſaw,
proud *Ahab* ſlain at laſt.
His Son took place when he was dead,
even wicked *Ahaziah*,
Chap. 1. And after him was *Joram* Head,
as then did good *Eliah*,
Chap. 2. In fiery Chariot take his flight
to Heaven; and in his place,
His Spirit did on *Eliſha* light,
with double Power and Grace.
Chap. 4. To work great Miracles, as by
the increaſed Oyl was proved,
Chap. 5. And by *Naaman*'s Leproſie,
which ſtrangely he removed.
Chap. 7. And by the Plenty propheſied,
in ſtarv'd *Samaria*,
Which the proud Prince that ſaid he ly'd,
to his ſmall comfort ſaw.

But

But *Jeku* did this *Joram* quell,
and reigned in his ſtead,
He ſlew alſo vile *Jezebel*, Chap. 9.
Baal's Prieſts and *Ahab*'s Seed: Chap. 10.
His wicked Son *Jehoahaz*, Chap. 13.
ſucceeded; and the next *Verſ.* 3. 4.
Was his Son *Joaſh*: either was *Verſ.* 25.
by *Aram*'s Armies vext.
Next *Joaſh*, *Jeroboam*'s Plea,
and Place was to ſucceed,
Now *Jonas* threatned *Ninivy*, Chap. 14 23.
but they repent with ſpeed.
Now did *Hoſea* take his Text,
and *Amos* Propheſie,
But *Jeroboam* dead, the next Chap. 15.
was his Son *Zachary*.
Whom *Shallum* ſlew in open fight *Verſe* 10.
and reigned in his ſtead,
But *Menahem* did him requite, *Verſ.* 14.
and in his Seat ſucceed.
Then *Pekahiah*, *Men'hem*'s Son, *Verſ.* 23.
did wear the Crown until
His Captain *Pekah* ſeiz'd thereon, *Verſ.* 25.
and did his Sovereign kill.
Nor had this *Pekah* reigned long,
but he receiv'd his Doom,
Hoſhea did revenge the Wrong, *Verſ.* 30.
and reigned in his room.
In his time did *Salmanazer*, Chap 17.
beſiege *Samaria* ſtrong, *verſ.* 6.
And took *Hoſhea* Priſoner, *Anno* 3265.
and led with him along,
All *Iſrael* into *Syria*,
where they did ſtill remain,
And planted in *Samaria*,
of his *Aſſyrian* Train.

Vers. 25. Whom God by Lyons did moleſt,
for their Idolatries,
Which made them get an *Hebrew* Prieſt,
to teach them better ways.

SECT. XVI.

The Kings of Judah.

THus leaving *Iſrael* diſpoſſeſt,
the courſe of Story brings
Us back to *Judah*, which was bleſt,
with more religious Kings.
There next unto *Jehoſophat*,
did his Son *Joram* Reign,
Chap. 8. Then *Ahaziah*, then upſtart
Athalia who had ſlain
Chap. 11. All the Kings Sons that ſhe could catch;
young *Joaſh* ſcap't alone,
By help of Friends, who made a Match,
to place him on his Throne.
He reign'd and did God's Houſe repair,
and left them when he died
King *Amaſi*, his hopeful Heir,
then *Joel* propheſied.
Chap. 12. *Uzziah Amaziah*'s Son,
Chap. 14. was ſtruck with Leproſie.
Chap. 15. As he did reign, and then begun
Iſaiah's Propheſie.
Chap. 16. *Jotham* a Prince of God's beheſt,
Chap. 18. ſucceeded next *Uzziah*:
Anno 3260. And after him *Ahaz* that beaſt,
Chap. 18. and then reign'd *Hezekiah*.
Chap. 19. Againſt him proud *Senacherib*,
ſent railing *Rabſhekee*,

Who

Who to his coſt was anſwered,
and caus'd with ſhame to flee.
Now was the Prophet *Micah* heard,
and *Nahum:* but we find,
That this good King from death reſerv'd Chap. 20.
towards *Babel* is too kind.
Next him, his Son *Manaſſe* reign'd, Chap 21.
a wicked cruel King, 1 *Chron.*
Until he was in *Babel* chain'd: 33. 12, 13.
but thence God did him bring.
Ammon a man profanely vain,
his Father worſe way took,
And was by his own ſervants ſlain:
now preached *Habakkuk.* 2 *Kings*
Then young *Joſiah*, *Ammon*'s Son, 21. 13.
a worthy Prince and zealous,
Made ſuch a Reformation Chap. 12.
as was and will be famous.
Now *Jeremiah* Trumpet-like
cries out; and *Zephaniah:*
But *Necho*'s men in Battel ſtrike,
and kill good King *Joſiah.* Chap. 23.
His Son *Jehoahaz* the Crown
obtain'd; but reign'd not long,
For *Pharaoh Necho* put him down,
and chain'd with Fetters ſtrong; 2 *Kings*
And plac'd his Brother in his room, 24 1.
Jehoiakim by name, 2 *Chron.*
Who *Babel*'s Vaſſal did become 36. 4.
for three Years ſpace with ſhame.
And then rebelling brought again Anno 3389.
great *Nebuchadnezzar.*
With all his huge and warlike Train:
who took him Priſoner,
And bound and carried him away,
with whom to *Babylon,*

Ezr-

1 *Chron.* 3. 16. 2 *Kings* 24. 8. verſ. 10, 11.
Ezekiel and *Mordecai*,
and *Daniel* are gone,
With other moe of Royal Seed,
young *Jechoni* alone,
Was left behind in's Fathers ſtead:
to ſit on *Judah*'s Throne;
Nor ſate he long but *Babel* doth,
his Souldiers ſtout command,
To fetch him and his Treaſure both,
and Chief Men of the Land.

Anno 3399.
His Unkle *Zedekiah* plac'd,
was in his room, and crowned;
Who likewiſe did rebel at laſt,

Chap. 24. 17. *ver.* 17. 20.
but *Babel*'s King ſo frowned,
That up againſt *Jeruſalem*,
the fourth time that he came,

Chap. 25. *Verſe* 3. 5.
He by ſtrong Siege ſo ſtarved them,
that Warriours fled with ſhame.
King *Zedekiah* alſo fled,
but *Chaldees* quickly caught him,

Chap. 25.
And that due Judgment might be had,
they unto *Riblah* brought him,

Verſe 6.
And ſlew his Sons before his face,
and then put out his Eyes,
And chained him with all Diſgrace,
that elſe they could deviſe.

Anno 3400.
And ſo to *Babel* they return,
with Priſoners and with Prey,
The Temple after that they burn,
and take all thence away.

Verſe 8, 9.
Yea, burnt the Palace fair and rich,
which *Solomon* did build:
And all the goodly Houſes which
Jeruſalem did yield.

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SECT. XVII.

BEing now at *Babel* faſt in Hold, *Daniel.*
the fineſt Wits were ſought, Chap. 1.
Or captive Children to be ſchool'd,
and *Chaldee* learning taught.
There *Daniel* among the reſt,
did to ſuch Ripeneſs come,
That when a Dream the King oppreſt,
and Wizzards all were dumb.
The Dream forgotten, he diſclos'd, Chap. 2.
which was an Image great *Verſe* 27.
Of Metals different compos'd,
from head unto the feet.
This made the King much to admire, *Verſe* 46.
him and his fellows all,
Yet three were caſt into the fire, Chap. 3.
for that they would not fall
Before his Image bugely trim:
but fire could take no hold.
Another Dream then vexed him,
which *Daniel* did unfold; Chap 4.
And eke the ſtate of future Times,
Of Monarchs Crowns ſurpriſing. Chap. 7, &
Of Chriſt preciſely he divines 11, 12.
and of the Deads ariſing,
But *Babel*'s King reſtored back, Chap. 4.
from Beaſts made better end,
Next him reign'd *Evilmerodach*,
even *Jeconiah*'s Friend,
To him ſucceded *Balſhazzar*. *Jer.* 20.
who in his drunken Feaſt,
Did neither God nor's People ſpare, Chap. 25.
for Blaſphemy and Jeſt;

Till

Till fingers writing on a wall,
dazling his very ſight,
Verſe 8. Did ſo his Countenance appall,
was never man ſo fright:
This Writing *Daniel* did expound
unto his further pain,
Verſe 30. For even that night he was uncrown'd,
and by *Darius* ſlain.

SECT. XVIII.

Anno 3458. WHen now full ſeventy Years were ſpent,
in their Captivity,
King *Cyrus* Proclamation ſent,
for their Delivery.
Ezra. *Zerubbabel* doth then retire,
Chap. 1. with all the Temples Treaſure.
And full Commiſſion to repair
the Ruins at their pleaſure.
But crafty Foes did plot apace,
Chap. 4. the Lord's Work to withſtand,
By flattering Speech unto their face.
and Letters under hand;
Yea, *Haman*'s Hatred cankered,
had clean deſtroy'd them all,
Eſther. Had not Queen *Eſther* ventured,
Chap. 3. and ſav'd them from the Thrall,
Ezra. Then *Haggai*, alſo *Zachary*,
Chap. 5. the ſlackneſs do reprove;
And ſhortly after *Malachi*,
their lack of Zeal and Love.
At laſt the Temple finiſhed,
was by *Zerubbabel*,
Nehemia. And *Nehemi* with Letters ſped,
Chap. 2. to build the Walls as well.

Which

Which he perform'd for all the hate of Enemies prophane,
Tobiah, wicked *Sanballat*, and worse *Samaritane*.
And then he kept a solemn Feast, whereat the Law was read,
And seal'd a Covenant with the rest, their God to serve and dread.
Next Kings and Dukes, the *Maccabees*, (as Stories do recite)
Did rule them: but the Monarchies, still top't them by their Might.
In such Subjection did they mourn, four hundred Years, and odd,
Until *Messiah*, Christ was born, true Man and very God.

Chap. 6. 15.

Chap. 4. *Verse* 1, 2. Chap. 8.

Chap. 10.

1 *The* Babylonians.
2 *The* Grecians.
3 *The* Romans.

The

The Dukes of *David*'s Stock, after the Return out of Captivity.

1 *Jeconias*, Jer. 52.
2 *Shelathiel*, Hag. 1.
3 *Zorobabel.*
4 *Reza.*
5 *Joanna.*
6 *Judas Hyrcanus.*
7 *Joseph Primus.*
8 *Abner Semei.*
9 *Eli Mattathia.*
10 *Azar Mahat.*
11 *Nagid Artaxad.*
12 *Haggai Eli.*
13 *Maslot Naum.*
14 *Amos Syrac.*
15 *Mattathia Siloath.*
16 *Joseph Secundus.*
17 *Janna Hyrcanus.*

This *Janna* was slain by *Antiochus Epiphanes* King of *Syria*, who tyrannized over them, until *Mattathias* the high Priest armed and encouraged his Sons against him; who drave him out of the Countrey, and successively reigned in his room.

The

The Princes and Kings of the *Family* of the *Maccabees.*

1 *Judas Macchabeus* the Son of *Mattathias*, reigned——————5 years.
2 *Jonathan* an other Son——————19 years.
3 *Simon* a third Son——————8 years.
4 *Johannes Hyrcanus*——————31 years.
5 *Ariſtobulus* his Son——————1 year.
6 *Alexander Janneus*——————27 years.
7 *Alexandra* his Wife——————9 years.
8 *Hyrcanus* her Son ſucceeded, but *Ariſtobulus* his younger Brother rebelled and made War againſt him: wherefore *Hyrcanus* ſent Embaſſadors to *Pompey* the *Roman* Captain for Aid. *Pompey* came to *Jeruſalem*, ſubdued the Rebels, gave the Government and Prieſthood to *Hyrcanus*, and carried *Ariſtobulus* with his two Sons *Alexander*, and *Antigonus* Captives towards *Rome*. *Alexander* eſcaped by the way, and returned, and got part of *Galilee*; but was taken again by *Gabinius*, and afterward put to death at *Antioch* by *Scipio* the Father-in-law of *Pompey*. *Antigonus* was ſet at liberty by *Julius Cæſar*, after the Battel between him and *Pompey*. But coming into *Jewry*, he dealt cruelly with his old Uncle *Hyrcanus* the high Prieſt, cutting off his Ears, and baniſhing him into *Parthia*, for which Cauſe he was taken again, and Executed at *Antioch*, by *Antony*, *Herod*'s Lieutenant in *Jewry*.

Herod

Herod also sent for *Hyrcanus* out of *Parthia*, and put him to death, and so came the Family of the *Maccabees* fully to an end, and the Kingdom of *Jewry* was established to *Herod* and his Heirs.

The Posterity of Herod.

THE Kingdom or Province of *Jewry* was given by *Julius Cæsar* to *Antipater* of *Idumea* the Father of *Herod*, in recompence of the faithful and good Service which he did in *Egypt*, in the time of his Wars and Dangers there.

1 *Herod* the Son of *Antipater*, called *Herod* the Great, was made King by the Senate of *Rome*, and reigned 37 years. He pulled down the Temple, that was built after the Captivity, and built another after the pattern of *Solomon*'s, wonderful rich and stately. He put to death *Aristobulus* and *Alexander* his Sons, upon suspicion of Treason: in his thirtieth Year was Christ Jesus born.

2. *Archelaus* another of his Sons ruled *Judea* nine years.

3. *Herod Antipas* another Son, governed *Galile*; he beheaded *John Baptist*.

4. *Philip* another Son, governed *Ituria*.

5. *Herod Agrippa*, the Son of *Aristobulus*, who killed *James*, and was eaten up of Worms, *Acts cap.* 12.

Agrippa his Son (mentioned with *Bernice* his Sister, *Acts* 25.) being a Child, was carried into *Syria*, and the *Romans* took the Government of *Jewry* again into their own hands, as in former time.

A Brief Supputation of the Years and Times from the Creation of the World, unto the Birth of Christ: Collected out of *Junius*, according to the *Scriptures*.

The Age of the World

Gen. 5.

Adam being 130 years old begat *Seth* —— 130
Seth at 105 years old begat *Enosh* — 235
Enosh at 90 begat *Kenan* —— 325
Kenan at 70 begat *Mahalaleel* —— 395
Mahalaleel at 65 begat *Jared* —— 460
Jared at 162 begat *Enoch* —— 622
Enoch at 65 begat *Methushelah* —— 687
Methuselah at 187 begat *Lamech* — 874
Lamech at 182 begat *Noah* —— 1056
Noah at 502 begat *Shem* —— 1558

In his 500 year he begat *Japhet*, for thus *Junius* readeth it out of the *Hebrew* (Brother to *Japhet* the Elder,) *Gen.* 10. 21.

Shem at 100 years old old begat *Arpachshad* —— 1658

This being two years after the Flood, (which came in *Noah*'s six hundreth year) it followeth that he was begotten in the five hundred and

and second year of *Noah*, *Gen.* 11. *verse* 10.

1693 ——*Arpachshad* at 35 begat *Shelah*
1723 ——*Shelah* at 30 begat *Heber*.
1759 ——*Heber* at 35 begat *Peleg*.
1787 Gen. 11 ——*Peleg* at 30 begat *Reu*.
1819 ——*Reu* at 32 begat *Serug*.
1849 ——*Serug* at 30 begat *Nahor*.
1878 ——*Nahor* at 29 begat *Terah*.

Terah at 70 began to beget Children (saith *Junius*) and at 130 begat *Abram*——

This plainly appeareth, for *Terah* was 205 years old when he died in *Haran*, *Gen.* 11. 32. and *Abram* going out of *Haran*, shortly after was but 75. *Gen.* 12. 4. Now deduct the Son's Age out of the Fathers, and there remaineth 130. to *Terah* at *Abram*'s Birth.

2108 *Abraham* at 100 years begat *Isaac*.
2168 *Isaac* at 60 begat *Esau* and *Jacob*.
2293 *Jacob* being 130 years old, goeth down into *Ægypt*, *Genesis* 47. 9.
2315 *Jacob* died 17 years after his coming into *Ægypt*, *Gen.* 47. 28.
2368 *Joseph* died 53 years after his Father *Jacob*, *Gen.* 50.
2428 *Moses* was born 60 years after the Death of *Joseph*.
2508 *Moses* was 80 years old when he stood before *Pharaoh*, *Exod.* 7. 7.
2510 The Tabernacle was reared the second year after, *Exod.* 40. 17.
2549 *Moses* died 40 years after the departure out of *Ægypt*, and 39 after the Tabernacle erected, *Deut.* 1. 3.

Joshua

Joshua died 17 years after *Moses.* 2566
Othniel died 40 years after *Joshua.* 2606
Ehud died 80 years after *Othniel.* 2686
Deborah died 40 years after *Ehud.* 2726
Gideon died 40 years after *Deborah.* 2766
Abimelech usurped 3 years. 2769
Tola died 23 years after *Abimelech.* 2792
Jair died 22 years after *Tola.* 2814
Jphtah died 6 years after *Jair.* 2820
Ibzan died 7 years after *Jphtah.* 2827
Elon died 10 years after *Ibzan.* 2837
Abdon died 8 years after *Elon.* 2845
Sampson died 20 years after *Abdon.* 2805
Eli died 40 years after *Sampson.* 2905
Samuel succeeded to the time of *Saul.*
Saul began his Reign, and reigned alone, and with *Samuel* 40 years. 2905
David reigned 40 years. 2945
Solomon reigned 40 years. 2985
Rehoboam reigned 17 years. 3025
Abiam reigned 3 years. 3042
Asa reigned 41 years. 3045
Jehosaphat reigned 25 years. 3086
Jehoram reigned 4 years after his Fathers Death; having been made *Viceroy* twice in his Father's life-time. Firſt in his ſeventeenth year, as appeareth, 1 *King.* 22. 51. compared with 2 *King.* 1. 17. 3111
And again, in his 22 year, as appeareth 2 *Kings* 3. 1. compared with *cap.* 8. 16
Athaliah reigned 6. 3115
Joash reigned 39 year. 3121
Amasiah reigned 29 years. 3160
In his ſeventeenth year (or the fourth of *Jeroboam* King of *Israel*) there was a Conſpiracy againſt him, and he fled to *Lachiſh*

Lachiſh, and lived there a baniſhed Man 11 years. *Uzziah* his Son being in the mean
3177 ſpace made King by the common people, 2 *Kings* 14. 21. See *Junius* his Note on the place. *Uzziah* reigned 52 years.

About this time began the *Greek Olympiads*, by which they made a Computation of all memorable Matters. It was a Game inſtituted by *Hercules*, on the Hill *Olympus* in *Greece*, which was held in the beginning of every fifth Year, and continued five days
3229 with great Solemnity, and Concourſe out
3244 of all Countries.
3260 ——— *Jotham* reigned alone 15 years.
3289 ——— *Ahaz* reigned 16 years.
3344 ——— *Hezekiah* reigned 29 years.
3346 ——— *Manaſſe* reigned 55 years.
3377 ——— *Ammon* reigned 2 years.
3388 ——— *Joſiah* reigned 31 years.
——— *Jehoiakim* reigned 11 years.
3399 *Jeconiah* reigned three months, and was
3425 carried captive to *Babel*, 2 *Chron.* 36.
——— *Zedekiah* reigned 11 years.
From *Zedekiah* to the Exaltation of *Jehoiakim*, 2 *Kings* 25. 30. ——26 years.

In Sum.

From the Creation of *Adam*, to the Flood, are ——— 1656 years.
From the Flood to the death of *Joſhua*, are ——— 910 years.
From *Joſhua* to the death of *Eli*, are ——— 339 years.
From *Eli* to the Deportation of *Jeconias*, are ——— 473 years.

From

From the Captivity of *Jeconias* to the Edict of *Cyrus* for their Deliverance (promised *Ferem.* 25. 11. and performed in the first year of his Reign) are——70 years. *Anno* 3458.

From the Edict of *Cyrus*, beginneth the first of *Daniel*'s 70 weeks.

These 70 weeks are to be expounded as the Sabbaths, or Weeks in the year of Jubile, *Levit.* 25. 8. and continue in the whole——490 yeare.

These are divided by *Gabriel* the Angel into three parts, *Dan.* 9. 25.

First he appointeth 7 Weeks, or a Sabbath of Weeks, or a Jubile of 49 years, for the building of the Temple, and restoring of the pure Worship of God.

Secondly, he appointeth 62 Weeks (which contain 434 years) for repairing of the City, and building the Walls. And these begin with the Commission of *Nehemiah*, (from *Darius*, *Artaxerxes Longimanus*) *Neh.* 2. 9. and reach unto the last Week in which *Messiah* began to preach.

Thirdly, he speaketh of the last Week, and divideth it into two parts.

1. In the first part, and midst of it, or in the fourth year, he saith that *Messiah* shall abolish the Sacrifice and Oblation: namely by offering up himself once for all, *Heb.* 10. 14. Which is more plainly expressed, *Dan.* 9. 26. where he is said to be cut off, or Crucified and delivered to Death. But nothing to him, that is, Death shall not prevail over him, but that he shall make good his Judgments upon a rebellious and gainsaying People. For it is said, (*He shall destroy*

deſtroy the City, and the Holy Things.) or the Temple; and that with ſuch Severity, as if a flood of Wrath and Judgment ſwallowed up all.

Theſe 69 weeks and a half week contain 487 years, which fall out juſt, by this Account

Ezra 6. 15. 7. 12. *Anno* 3507. From the Edict of *Cyrus* to the Re-edifying of the Temple, and the return of the People, by the Command of *Artaxerxes*, the whole time of *Ezra* his Story, are 49 years.

Anno 3577. From the Temple finiſhed, to the Repairing of the City *Jeruſalem*, and the end of *Arſanes* his Reign; the time of *Nehemia*'s Story, ——————— 70 years.

From thence to the Death of *Alexander* the Great, are ——————— 12 years.

Alexander died in the firſt year of the 114 *Olympiad*, and Chriſt was Crucified the laſt year of the 202 *Olympiad*. Which 89 *Olympiads* contain 356 years, and ſo is the Sum 487 fully made up.

Anno 3945. The latter part, or other half of the week, is referred unto the *Revelation* of the *New Teſtament*, *cap.* 11. 3. where it is ſaid that the two Witneſſes ſhall Propheſie, 1260 days, or 42 months; which make up three years and a half: and ſo the full number of the 70 weeks.

The

THE SECOND PART

SECT. I.

OF *Abram*'s Seed and *David*'s Line directly Chriſt deſcended: Mat. 1. Luke 3.
So have th' *Evangeliſts* Divine
by Scripture left commended.
Before him was an Herald ſent,
his Coming to proclaim:
Who cry'd in Wildernes, *Repent,* Mat. 3.
the Paths of God make plain.
His Clothing was of Hair and Skin,
his Meat of no great Coſt,
And for reproving *Herod*'s ſin, Mat. 14.
his Head at laſt he loſt.
This was that *John* the Baptiſt whoſe
Birth, Name and Office high,
The Angel *Gabriel* did diſcloſe, Luke 1.
to his Father *Zachary.*
Who thought it not to be believ'd, *Verſe* 18.
and for it was ſtruck dumb,
Till old *Elizabeth* had Conceiv'd
and all to paſs was come.
To *Mary* eke of *Nazaret,* *Verſe* 26.
a Virgin Pure and Chaſt,

With Salutation high and great,
this *Gabriel* did haste.
Shewing that she must Mother be,
God's dear Son forth to bring,
The Holy Ghost by high Decree,
her overshadowing.
And at that very time betroth't
she was to *Joseph* Just:
Mat. 1. When being found with Child, he thought
that part with her he must.
But then an Angel warned him
by Dream to keep her still,
For that she had Conceiv'd within,
was God's own Work and Will,
At *Bethlem* she was brought to Bed,
and *Jesus Christ* was Born,
Luke 2. And in a Manger swaddeled,
as one cast out to scorn:
But heavenly Angels made him known
to Shepherds, forthwith they
Found out the Babe, as had been shown,
and publish't it with Joy.
Then was he Circumcis'd and Nam'd,
and (as the Law indented)
Brought to the Temple, fitly fram'd,
and to the Lord presented.
Where Holy *Simeon* did him bless,
and with a Song embrace him:
And aged *Ann*, a Propheteſs,
preach't publickly to grace him.
Yea, Eastern Wisemen came from far,
and did rich Treasures bring,
Directed by a special Star,
to find out *Judah*'s King.
Who worshipped, and warned were
by God in their return,

To

To take good heed, and not come near,
King *Herod* who did burn
With Wrath and Envy 'gainſt this new-
born greater King of *Fury*,
And being mocked ſent and ſlew
the Infants in a Fury.
But God to *Joſeph* warning gave,
to *Ægypt* thence to fly,
The Babe and Mother, there to ſave,
from *Herod*'s Cruelty.
King *Herod* dead, then haſted he
to *Iſrael* again:
But turn'd aſide to *Galilee*,
becauſe his Son did reign.
And all this was for to acquite
the Propheſies of old,
From *Ægypt* and a *Nazarite*,
to come he was foretold.

SECT. II.

AT twelve Years old with Doctors he in Temple doth diſpute; Luke 2.
The Hearers all amaſed be, *Verſ.* 46.
his Mother is alſo mute.
At thirty Years he was by *John*
Baptiz'd in *Jordan*, and
Proclaimed God's Beloved Son, Mat. 3.
while Heavens open ſtand.
To Wilderneſs then was he led, Mat. 4.
and faſted forty Days:
The Devil there he vanquiſhed,
though tempted many ways.
And ſo, his Miniſtry of Weight,
he cloſely ſets about:

Mat. 10. Luke 10. He chuseth Twelve Apostles straight,
and also sends them out:
And seventy more, by two and two,
he sent with like Command,
To Preach, to Heal, and to Subdue
the Devils that did withstand.
To quicken them, the more, he did
part of his Glory shew,
Mat. 17. Being on the Mount transfigured
into an heavenly Hew.
John 2. 14. Luke 19. 45. Nor was he idle, but did purge,
the Temple first and last,
And still he did Repentance urge
as up and down he past.
Matt. 13. At *Nazaret* he took his Text
in *Esay*'s Propheſie:
Luke 4. Whence hardly scaping, he did next
to *Capernaum* hie.
There Satan shew'd his discontent,
but strongly was cast out.
Unto the great Astonishment,
of all that stood about.
Matt. 4. John 3. He taught a Doctor of the Law,
a Lesson new and strange.
In the Woman of *Samaria*
John 4. he wrought a wondrous Change.
Matt. 5. He made a Sermon on the Mount,
most heavenly and large.
Nine blessed Sorts he did recount,
and press the Preachers Charge.
The Laws of God he likewise there
did perfectly Expound,
Matt. 6. He taught them how to pray, and where
and gave them Precepts sound.
For practice of True Piety,
and taking heed also,

Of

Of Cares and of Hypocriſie,
and many Duties moe,
Which uttered were in Parable,
or in plain Speeches brought,
Each Word and every Syllable,
with Power upon them wrought.

Matt. 6. *verſe* 26. *Chriſt's Parables.*

By Builders. (*Mat.* 7. 24. *Mat.* 21. 22. *Luke* 14. 28.
Bridegroom. (*Mat.* 9. 15. *cap.* 22. 2. *cap.* 25. 1.
Brides. (*Mat.* 6. 26. *cap.* 10. 29. *cap.* 23. 37.
And Bread. (*Mat.* 15. 26. *cap.* 7. 9. *John* 6. 48.
By Beaſts. (*Mat.* 8. 20. *cap.* 7. 6, 15. *cap.* 12. 34.
Thieves. (*Mat.* 24. 43. *Luke* 10. 30. *John* 10. 1.
Spirits unclean. (*Mat.* 12. 27. & *verſe* 47.
By Servants. (*Mat.* 6. 24. & 18. 31. & 24. 46. *Lu.* 17. 7.
Shepherds. (*Mat.* 18. 12. *Jo.* 10. 11. *Mat.* 9. 36. & 25. 33.
Salt. (*Mat.* 5. 13. *Luke* 14. 34. *Mark* 9. 49.
And Seeds. (*Mat.* 13. 3. *cap.* 17. 10. *cap.* 13. 24. & *v.* 31.
By Net. (*Mat.* 13. 47.
New Cloth and Wine. (*Mat.* 9. 16. & *verſe* 17.
By Light. (*Mat.* 5. 14, 15. & 73. & 6. 22. *John* 8. 12.
And Leven. (*Mat.* 13. 33. & 16. 6.
Feaſts. (*Luke* 14. *verſe* 12. *verſe* 8. *verſe* 16.
And Friends. (*Luke* 11. 5. & 16. 9.
By rich Men. (*Luke* 12. 16. & 16. 1. 19. & 18. 10.
Trees. (*Mat.* 7. 17. & 12. 33. & 15. 13. & 21. 19.
—— & 26. 32. *Luke* 13. 6.
And Treaſure. (*Mat.* 6. 19. & 12. 35. & 13. 34. 52.
—— & 25. 14.
By Children. (*Mat.* 11. 16. & 18. 3. & 24. 28. *Lu.* 15. 11.
Women. (*Mat.* 12. 50. & 24. 41. *Luke* 15. 8.
Ways. (*Mat.* 7. 13. *John* 14. 6.
And Vines. (*Mat.* 21. 33. & 20. 1 *John* 15. 1.
he taught them out of meaſure,
Deep Myſteries which long lay hid,
which he from Heaven brought

And by strange Miracles he did
confirm what he had taught.

SECT. III.

Christ's Miracles.
John 2.
Matt. 14.

AT *Cana* he did at their need,
turn Water into Wine,
And with five Loaves five Thousand fed.
by his great Power Divine.

Matt. 15.

Another time four thousand Men,
with seven Loaves he filled.

Mat. 6. 26. & 15. 32.

He walked on the Sea, and when
it rag'd, the Waves he stilled.
Good sight he gave to many blind,
Mat. 9. & 12. & 20. *Mark* 8. *John* 9.
And Speech unto the dumb,
Mat. 9. 32. & 12. 22. *Mat.* 7. 32.
The lame, their Limbs do firmly find,
Mat. 12. 10. *Luke* 13. 11. *John* 5. 8.
The deaf to Hearing come. *Mark* 7. 32.
He healed Sicknesses long bred.
Mat. 4. 24. & 8. 6. 14. & 9. 20. & 14. 26.
Even foul and leprous Evils,
Mat. 8. 3. *Luke* 17. 12.
Yea more, he raised up the dead,
Luke 7. 12. *Joh.* 11. 1. & 5. 21. *Mark* 5. 41.
And dispossest the Devils.
Mat. 8. 29. & 9. 31. & 17. 15. *Mark* 9. 20.
Yet for all this he was not free,
but had Controllers many,
To carp and quarrel, pry and see,

Mat. 26. 2.

if fault they could find any.

Cap. 22. 35.
John 8. 6.

Among the rest the Sadducees,
with those of *Herod*'s Train,

The

The Scribes alſo and Phariſees
did ever more remain
His deadly Enemies, and did ſeek
to trap him in a Snare,
By crafty Queſtions, rough or meek,
what way, they did not care.
Mat. 19. 3. & 22. 16. 35. *Mat.* 8. 11. *Luke*
——————10. 25. & 11. 15.
But yet his hour was not come,
he ſtill preach't painfully,
And them bequeath'd a heavy Doom, Matt. 23.
for their Hypocriſie.
Jeruſalem her fearful State, Matt. 24.
he did with Grief foreſay,
The manner eke he did relate,
of the laſt Judgment-day.
But comforteth his choſen Ones,
with ſpiritual Conſolation,
As ſweetly may be ſeen in *John*'s John 14, 15,
divine and long Relation. 16, 17.
And ſo to *Bethani* he went,
where *Simon* him received;
And *Mary*'s Box upon him ſpent,
diſſembling *Judas* grieved. Matt. 26.
Then was the Paſſover prepar'd,
and *Judas* pointed out,
A Traitor to his Sovereign Lord:
and then he went about,
A work of Grace, a Sacrament,
a Supper to ordain,
A Seal of Love, a Teſtament,
that ſhould with his remain:
Thence went he to *Mount Olivet*
as was his uſe to pray,
Of ſcattering and of Scandal great,
he told them by the way.

SECT. IV.

MEan while did Prieſts a Council call,
and did his Death conſpire,
They hired *Judas* in their Hall,
to work them their deſire:
Who promis'd to effect it ſo,
as that they ſhould not miſs;
With him their Captain, on they go,
their Token is a Kiſs.
As Chriſt in Garden praying was,
with Sighs and Groans moſt deep,
That fearful Cup to have it paſs,
the reſt oppreſt with ſleep:
In comes this rude and bloody Rout,
which *Peter* could not bear,
But drew his Sword and laid about,
and cut off *Malchus* Ear;
John 18. Which *Jeſus* heal'd, and to their Will,
he yields though at his words,
Verſe 6. They firſt gave ground and backward fell,
though arm'd with Clubs and Swords.
Matt. 26. *Verſe* 56. The poor Apoſtles fly for fear,
yea, *Peter* thrice denied
Chap. 27. *Verſe* 5. His Maſter; *Judas* doth deſpair
and hang'd himſelf and died.
To high Prieſts-Hall they led him then,
and witneſs falſe ſuborned:
Matt. 14. Spat in his Face, and by their Men,
he was both beat and ſcorned.
Matt. 27. Then did they him to *Pilate* ſend,
where being found moſt clear,
To free him *Pilate* did intend,
and that the *Jews* did fear.

And

And then began with Might and Main,
tumultuouſly to cry,
To let looſe *Barabbas* again, Luke, 23.
and *Chriſt* to Crucifie.
Nor were the common Souldiers ſlack, Matt. 27.
to ſtrip him of his Weed,
A Scarlet Robe put on his Back,
and in his Hand a Reed.
And on his Head a Crown of Thorns,
then do they bow the Knee.
So, on him having ſpent their Scorns,
to *Golgotha* goes he,
They forced *Simon* by the way,
to help him bear his Croſs,
On which they did his Hands diſplay,
and nail, without remorſe:
Betwixt two Thieves they did him place,
and gave him Gall to drink,
They ſhew'd him all the vile diſgrace,
that Heart of Man could think;
Thieves, Phariſees, Prieſts, Paſſers by, Mat. 27.38.
all ſcoff and wag the Head, Luke23.34.
All which he bare moſt patiently,
till all was finiſhed.
Then rent the Temple vail in twain, Matt. 27.
the Stones did cleave aſunder.
The Graves did ope, the dead again,
did riſe and walk with wonder.
The Earth lay trembling, and the Sun
abaſh't in darkneſs bode,
And then cry'd the Centurion, Luke 23.
this was the Son of God. Matt. 27.
His Body *Joſeph* did take down,
and lap in Linnen ſweet,
And in a new Tomb of his own,
did bury it as was meet.

The Priests his Resurrection fear'd
and therefore took good heed,
To keep him sure with Watch and Ward,
and seal'd the Tomb with speed.
Matt. 28. But he the third Day did arise,
as he had them foretold,
Then did the Priests, to publish lies,
corrupt the Guard with Gold.

SECT. V.

CHRIST being Risen, did appear,
and charged the Eleven,
To Preach and Baptize every where,
by warranty from Heaven.
And purposing to furnish them,
with Knowledge, Tongues and Art,
Chap. 1 He bids them from *Jerusalem*,
in no wise to depart.
Till Promises performed were;
which said; out of their sight,
A Cloud to Heaven did him bear,
and two in Garments white,
Did check their gazing, and fore-show
his coming back again.
Then to the City back they go,
where all as one remain
In Prayer and Request to God:
there *Peter* doth propose
To fill the number that was od;
the Lot *Matthias* chose.
Chap 2. Upon the day of Pentecost,
in cloven Tongues like fire,
From Heaven high the Holy Ghost,
th' Apostles did inspire.

Then

Then did they in ſtrange Tongues report
the wondrous Works of God,
Aſtoniſh't was therewith each ſort
of Strangers that abode
Within the City; others mock't,
but *Peter* took their part,
And by his Sermon ſoundly knock't, Chap. 3.
three Thouſand at the Heart.
Then *John* and he together joyn'd, Chap. 3.
and heal'd the Creeple lame,
To Priſon though they were confin'd,
yet were they freed for ſhame.
To preach the Truth they were all bold, Chap. 4.
and many Wonders wrought,
Nor would they be by Prieſts controll'd
though oft in danger brought.
For they in ſuffering did rejoyce,
and God ſent Help at need;
The *Hypocrites* at *Peter*'s voice, Chap. 5.
were ſuddenly ſtruck dead.
Then did they for poor Widows moan, Chap. 6.
ſeven honeſt Deacons chuſe,
Of which was bleſſed *Stephen* one, Chap. 7.
who martyr'd was by *Jews*.
Saul was conſenting to this deed, Chap. 8
and with his threatning ſore,
Scattered th' Apoſtles far and wide,
but God's Word grew the more.
By *Philip* in *Samaria*,
with Power it was taught,
And into *Æthiopia*,
'twas by 'th' *Eunuch* brought:
Damaſcus ſuccoured many a Saint;
which *Saul* no ſooner found,
But to the Prieſts he made Complaint,
for power to bring them bound.

And

And quickly ſped: but ſee a change,
this hot blood-ſucking *Saul*,
By Viſion heavenly and ſtrange,
became bold-preaching *Paul*.
Chap. 10. At *Joppa Peter* rais'd the dead,
and did the Goſpel plant,
And in *Cæſarea* he ſped,
Captain *Cornelius* want.
Chap. 11. At *Antioch* the Word was ſpread,
by Preachers there diſperſt,
Who truly following Chriſt the Head,
were there call'd Chriſtians firſt.
Chap. 12. Now *Herod* ſtormed: *James* was ſlain,
and *Peter* priſoned faſt:
An Angel looſed *Peter*'s Chain,
Worms eat the King at laſt.

SECT. VI.

BUt *Paul* (call'd *Saul*) ſurpaſt them all,
in Patience and Pains-taking:
To preach the Word to great and ſmall,
he evermore was waking;
By Day, by Night, by Sea, by Land,
by Pen, and eke by Mouth,
Though Perils great were oft at hand,
yet publiſh't he the Truth:
Four ſpecial Journeys did he make,
in leſſer *Aſia* one,
* or *Mare Ægeum.* And twice he croſs'd the * *Grecian* Lake,
and then to *Rome* is gone.
Chap. 13. With him alſo the Holy Ghoſt,
ſet *Barnabas* apart.
Their Charge was in the heathen Coaſt,
the *Gentiles* to convert.

From

From *Antioch* they firſt ſet out,
and unto *Paphos* came:
Where *Sergius* to the Faith was brought,
and *Elimas* to ſhame,
Then in *Piſidia* did he preach,
and in *Iconion*,
He ſtayed long, and ſtill did teach, Chap. 14.
till Stirs cauſe him be gone.
Thence did he unto *Lyſtra* flee, Chap. 14.
and there he heal'd the Lame, *Verſe* 11. 19.
For which, a god, then ſton'd, but he,
thence back to *Antioch* came.
Th' Apoſtles at *Jeruſalem*, Chap. 15.
did now a Council call,
A falſe Opinion to condemn
which did the Church befal.
A ſecond Journey they intend,
but *John Mark* doth divide them:
Barnabas doth to *Cyprus* bend,
but *Paul* and *Sylas* hide them.
Through *Syria* and *Silicia*,
and with them they conſort
Young *Timothy*, of whom they have, Chap. 16.
a ſpecial good Report.
To *Macedonia* by night,
they called were and ſent,
The Devil there gives God his Right, *Verſ.* 17.
there *Lydia* doth repent,
And eke the Jaylor: forthwith they
to *Theſſalonica* moved,
Thence to *Berea*, where they joy Chap. 17.
to ſee their preaching proved.
In *Athens* next did *Paul* diſpute, Chap. 18.
and thence to *Corinth* came, *Verſe* 3.
Where he with *Aquila* did ſute,
and *Criſpus* Chriſtian frame.

There

There *Gallio* doth ſhift his hand
though hardly *Jews* complain,
Verſe 22. So back he goes to *Syria* and
to *Antioch* again.

SECT. VII.

THen did he his third Journey haſt,
towards *Græcia* once more.
Through leſſer *Aſia* he paſt,
as he had done before.
At *Epheſus* he made ſome ſtay,
for there the Word prevailed,
Chap. 19. There was *Apollo* ſhew'd the way,
and there *Demetrius* railed.
Philippi laſt he viſited,
and thence he ſailed back,
To *Troas*; where he rais'd the dead
and after did not ſlack,
Chap. 20. Unto *Jeruſalem* to come;
yet ſailing thither-ward,
The planted Churches all and ſome
to ſee, he had regard.
(For in his Journies as he went)
he preach'd and Churches planted,
And coming back, was diligent
for to ſupply what wanted.
He did Confirm them, and Ordain
Elders in every place,
With Faſt and Prayer, and then again
commend them to God's Grace.
At *Ptolemais* one day they bide,
and to *Ceſarea* walked,
Where *Philip*'s Daughters propheſi'd,
and *Agabus* fore-talked
Chap. 21. Of *Paul* his Bands and Sufferings grea',
but he was naught diſmai'd

To

To ſuffer Death (though they intreat)
he ready was he ſaid:
So, up he went, and being there
made to them full relation;
With Praiſe to God they gladly hear
the *Gentiles* ſtrange vocation.
To pleaſe the *Jews*, they did adviſe
to purifie him there,
But in the Temple Stirs ariſe,
and like to coſt him dear.
Had not the Captain ceas'd the ſtrife,
and by his great Friendſhip,
Account he rendred of his Life,
and Faith, and ſcap't the Whip.
Then was he brought before the Prieſt, Chap. 22.
and ſmitten, but the Fray,
'Twixt *Sadducees*, *Scribes*, and the reſt,
hindred the Plea that day.
Then was he unto *Felix* ſent, Chap. 23.
his Anſwer there to make,
Thither alſo the high Prieſt went,
and did *Tertullus* take:
The Orator, to plead their Caſe; Chap. 24.
but nothing yet they gain'd.
Till *Feſtus* came in *Felix* place,
before him being raign'd,
And King *Agrippa*: he thinks well Chap. 25.
to yield him up in Bands:
But *Paul* to *Cæſar* did appeal, Chap. 26.
and ſo eſcap'd their Hands.
To *Italy* then was he bound,
with a Centurions Guard:
But Perils great on Sea they found, Chap. 27:
the like hath ſcarce been heard.
Toſt up and down the Ship at laſt, Chap. 27.
ſtuck faſt within the Sand:

And

And there was all to pieces dasht:
yet all came safe to Land,
Chap 28. At *Malta*: where the Viper quick,
maid the *Barbarians* quail,
Paul scap'd the Danger, heal'd their sick,
and thence to *Rome* did sail.
Where he arriving was by *Jews*,
both met and entertained,
He told the Brethren joyful News,
and two Years there remained
In his own House, but guarded by
a Souldier of the Train,
Until that *Nero* cruelly,
did cause him to be slain.

SECT. VIII.

AS *Paul* in preaching got the Prize,
so *John* did mount most high,
Revelation. God's Holy hidden Mysteries,
and Secrets to descry.
Who, in the Spirit, on the Lord's Day,
in *Patmos* banished,
Wrote Words divine, and blest are they
which understand and read.
First, to the seven Churches he
sends healthful Salutation,
Chap. 4. Then sets he out God's Majesty
Chap. 5. and Book of *Revelation*.
But seven Seals this Book did close,
and none could be found out
Worthy the Seals for to unlose,
till came the Lyon stout
Of *Judah*'s Tribe, the *Lamb once* slain,
he every Seal did open,

And

And each Seal drew as in a Chain,
ſome ſtrange and ſpecial Token.
The firſt reveal'd a Horſe milk white,
(the Goſpel's Speed and Power) Chap. 6.
The ſecond red, and did delight
by bloodſhed to devour.
The third was black, and notice had
of Plague and Famine fell,
The fourth Horſe then full pale and ſad,
did *Antichriſt* foretel,
The fifth Seal open'd did bewray,
Saints Souls that had been killed;
Which under Heavens Altar lay,
till were the Number filled.
The ſixth unſealed, there were ſeen
moſt fearful Signs and Wonders:
But God ſeal'd (ſpite of *Satan*'s ſpleen) Chap. 7.
twelve times twelve thouſand Numbers:
Laſt, opening the ſeventh Seal,
loe Angels ſeven attend, Chap. 8.
Before the Lord, and they reveal Chap. 11. 15.
the World's State to the end. Chap. 8.
Theſe Angels ſeven Trumpets had,
but each in order blows,
And for the World would be ſo bad,
denounced nought but Woes.

SECT. IX.

THen mightily with glorious Look, Chap. 10.
Chriſt Jeſus is revealed,
And in his Hand a *little Book*,
but open and unſealed.
This Book Saint *John* did take and ate,
and it th' Eſtate contained,

Of

Of God's Church preſent, and of that
her Glory which remained.
For preſent ſtate, ſhe never wants,
the preaching of God's Spell,
Chap. 11. Two Candleſticks, two Olive Plants,
two Witneſſes this tell.
And though ſhe cloath'd be with the Sun,
and on the Moon do tread;
Yet Wars againſt her are begun,
by Foes that make her dread:
Chap. 12. And firſt the *Dragon* caus'd her flie,
into God's Wilderneſs,
But *Michael* from Heaven high,
his Fury doth repreſs.
Chap. 13. Then did a Beaſt make War on her,
ſeven headed, and ten horned.
And after him there did appear
another Beaſt adorned.
Like to the Lamb, with Horns but two
yet *Dragon*-like he ſpake,
And did what the firſt Beaſt could do,
compelling all to take
His Mark upon their Fore-head: yet
the *Lamb* had thouſands ſtill,
Chap. 14 On Earth, that him with Praiſes greet,
ſigned to do his Will.

SECT. X.

Chap. 14 NOr doth he *Babylon* forget,
th' Idolatrous drunken Whore,
Three Angels he againſt her ſet,
and after *ſeven* more;
The firſt, by preaching to deſcry,
the next, to ſhew her Fall,

The

The third doth Torments notifie,
bequeath'd her Lovers all.
Thoſe *ſeven*, ſeven Vials had, Chap. 19.
full of the Wrath of God,
Which they pour'd out as they were bad
on all the Earth abroad. Chap. 16.
Unto the ruin of the Beaſt,
and of the Whore of *Rome*: Chap. 17.
That golden purple *Antichriſt*;
for this her heavy Doom,
Kings of the Earth, and Merchants proud, Chap. 18.
take up a Lamentation:
But Holy Saints ſing Praiſes loud,
for Churches Preſervation,
Unto the Conquerous of Fame, Chap. 19.
that cloath'd is with the Word,
And bears on *Thigh*, a *mighty Name*.
and in *his Mouth a Sword*:
Who ſummoned triumphantly,
to his victorious Feaſt,
The Fowls that by mid-heaven flie,
as for his Foe, the Beaſt,
He with the *Prophet* falſe were caſt
into the Brimſtone Lake:
The Sword devoured all the reſt,
that part with him did take.
And then the Devil that *Dragon* ſtout, Chap. 20.
that *Serpent* old (once chained,
A thouſand years, and then let out,
he fiercely rag'd and reigned,
With *Gog* and *Magog's* armed Strength, Chap. 20. 9.
whom God conſum'd in ire,)
The Devil (I ſay) was caſt at length,
in Lake of Brimſtone fire.
And with him all the damned Race:
for God comes on his Throne,

A dreadful Judge, before whoſe Face,
both Heaven and Earth are gone,
And Hell, and Grave, and Sea, and Land,
deliver up their dead;
Who all before the Judge do ſtand,
and Books are opened;
As they have done, Doom doth begin,
his Work each one commendeth;
The wicked out, the godly in,
and ſo the Seſſion endeth.

SECT. XI.

NOw doth Saint *John* lively deſcribe,
the *Church* her glorious State,
Wife of the Lamb, th' eſpouſed Bride,
Chriſt Jeſus heavenly Mate:
Chap. 19. Who was found worthy to be clad,
in pure and bright Aray:
And was exhorted to be glad,
againſt her Marriage day.
Jeruſalem New, Holy, Great,
Chap. 21. from Heaven down deſcending,
God and the Lamb there hold their Seat,
it lightning and defending.
The Form it is each way four ſquare,
the Matter Gold and Pearl,
The Citizens more noble are,
than earthly Lord or Earl,
Twelve Gates there are for Entrance wide,
the Porters Angels ſtout,
A Wall moſt high on every ſide,
doth compaſs it about.
The weight of Glory there reſerv'd,
can no Man's tongue impart,

Eye

Eye hath not ſeen, Ear hath not heard,
nor enter can Man's Heart.
There is no Sorrow, Pain nor Care, Chap. 22.
no want of Cloth or Food,
No Filth, no Darkneſs, Curſe, nor Fear,
No want of any Good.
There is of Life the Tree and Spring,
the Store-houſe of all Treaſures:
There Saints triumph, there Angels ſing,
in Paradiſe of Pleaſures.
There lives our Head, let us not ſlack,
but ever watch and pray:
Our Saviour will come quickly back;
even ſo, come Lord away.

Sine fine ſit Laus Deo.

Certain Brief Notes collected out of the late and approved Writers, *for the better Understanding of the Book of the* Revelation.

SAINT *John* received and wrote this *Apocalyps*, or *Revelation* of the Mysteries of God, when he was in *Patmos*. *Patmos* is an Island, lying in the *Ægæan* or *Græcian* Sea, which divideth *Asia* from *Europe*, whither he was baniſhed by *Domitian* the perſecuting *Emperour* of *Rome*, about the Year 96.

The ſeven Churches to which he wrote were ſeven famous Cities of *Asia* the leſſer, and *Greece*, where the Goſpel was firſt planted.

The Seven Seals.

THE firſt is referred to the times of the Primitive Church, wherein Chriſt by his *Apoſtles* and *Miniſters*, ſubdued Nations to the obedience of the Goſpel, *Acts* 2. 41.

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The ſecond, is referred to the time of the cruel Perſecutions, under the bloody Emperors, *Caligula*, *Nero*, *Domitian*; and the reſt, unto the time of *Conſtantine*, who comforted the Church. 2.

The third, ſhewing the Plagues of Famine, Peſtilence and Wars, that followed the Contempt of the Goſpel, is referred, chiefly to the Times of the *Goths*, *Hunns*, and *Vandals*. (And theſe Plagues come on *Horſeback*) noting the generality or diſperſing of them into many Countries. 3.

The fourth, ſome make to ſignifie a part of the Plagues fore-mentioned: but more probably it ſignifieth *Antichriſt*; as King *James* was of opinion. See more in the Deſcription of *Antichriſt* following; and more at large in that Chriſtian, Learned, and Magnanimous Premonition of his *Excellent Majeſty*, prefixed to his *Apology* for the *Oath of Allegiance*. 4.

The fifth, ſheweth the ſafe Eſtate of them that have ſuffered for the Truth, being under the Altar of God's Protection. 5.

The ſixth, ſheweth great Alterations, and Commotions of States and Kingdoms; the Devil ſtopping the Courſe of the Goſpel; and Chriſt preſerving his, in all Corners of the Earth. *Chap.* 7. 2. 6.

The ſeventh, ſheweth the Effect of the Devil's Rage, namely the ſpringing up of Hereſies, the fall of Miniſters and Teachers, the height of Corruption and Abomination in the Pope and Turk. 7.

The

The Seven Trumpets.

BY theſe, God proclaimeth open War with the World; but his Elect are ſtill in ſafe Eſtate. *Cap.* 8. 3.

The four firſt Trumpets ſhew the hatching of Hereſies and Errors, and the increaſe of them after the firſt 300 Years.

The three laſt ſhew the full Growth and deviliſh Power of them, in the Pope, and Turk, to the Affliction of the Church and the final Judgment and Torment of Atheiſts and Papiſts, denounced by three Woes. *Cap* 8. 13.

A Deſcription of the Church.

SHE is called a Woman, *Chap.* 12.

Firſt, becauſe without Chriſt her Husband, ſhe is weak and can do nothing.

2. By Conjunction with Chriſt ſhe bringeth forth Children unto God.

3. Becauſe her Love and Affection is always ſet on Chriſt her Husband.

She is clothed with the Sun of Righteouſneſs Chriſt Jeſus.

She treadeth on the Moon, that is, contemneth the World and earthly things.

She

She hath a Crown of Twelve Stars, that is, the Doctrin of the Goſpel garniſhed with the Miniſtry of the Twelve Apoſtles.

She laboureth of Child; namely and firſt of all Jeſus Chriſt the Heir of all; and then of his Members in all Ages. The deſtruction of whom, the Dragon did and doth ſtill watch. *Chap.* 12. 4.

A Deſcription of the Devil.

HE is called a Dragon, *Chap.* 12. 3. for his Cruelty and Malice: and a red Dragon, for his thirſt and greedy deſire after Blood.

His ſeven Heads ſhew his manifold ſlights and ſubtilties.

His ten Horns ſhew his great and dreadful Power.

His ſeven Crowns, ſignifie the Victories he hath gotten.

His Tail, of Ambition, Luſt and Covetouſneſs, reacheth to Heaven and bruſheth down the third part of the Stars: that is, many of the Miniſters, from their glorious Firmament, to the Earth of Shame and Obſcurity. *Verſe* 4.

This Dragon was chained a thouſand Years. *Chap.* 20. 2.

Theſe years the Learned do account from the 36 Year of the Birth of Chriſt, (for then the Devil began to be mad, becauſe the *Jews* being caſt off, the Church of the Gentiles began to increaſe by the power of the

Gospel preached) until the time of Pope *Hildebrand*, or *Gregory* the Seventh, who was a wretched Conjurer, and familiar of the Devil, and therefore a fit Instrument at hand, for the Dragon's devillish and persecuting Purposes, which Rage and Eagerness he executed, during the time of the seven Viols, the last seven Plagues.

A Description of the first Beast.

HE is called a Beast, *Chap.* 13. 1. and signifieth in Scripture a Monarchy sometimes, *Dan* 17. 4.

He is said to rise out of the Sea; that is, out of the boyling and broyling of heathen Nations, did the great City the Queen of the Nations, or Roman Monarchy arise, to tyrannize over the Church of God. *Chap.* 12. 15.

His seven Heads signifie the seven Governments of *Rome*, namely, *Kings*, *Consuls*, *Decemviri*, *Dictators*, *Tribuni militum*, *Emperors* and *Bishops*. Which last was not then come when St. *John* wrote. *Chap.* 17. 10.

His ten Heads signifie ten Kings, that is, great Power, large Dominion and Command.

His ten Crowns signifie many Victories: but in that they are on his Horns, and not on his Heads, it sheweth he prevailed more by his Power, than by Subtilty; contrarily the Dragon, whose Heads are said to be crowned. Or as petty Kings use to wear their Crowns

Crowns on their Hats, in token of the Homage they owe, to this Beast, on his Horns in token of Subjection to the Dragon, of whom he received his Throne and Authority. *Chap.* 13. 2.

The Description of Antichrist observed by the Learned to be four times fully and definitely set down in this Book.

CHAP. 6. 8.

The first Description.

First by a pale Horse, having Death for his Rider, Hell for his Convoy, and Power over the fourth part of the Earth (or *Europe*) to kill with the Sword, and with Hunger (or the Famine of the Word, as the black Horse did by corporal Famine) and by Beasts, (as Locusts and Frogs. *Cap.* 9. 16.) by whom she procured the Death spiritual of Kings and Nations, that drank of the Cup of her Abominations. This being done, the Souls of the Saints cry for Vengeance, *ver.* 10. and their Cry is heard, and Request granted under the sixth Seal, *ver.* 12. & 17.

CHAP. 9. 1.

The second Description.

More at large and in this kind, by his Craft and Strength, &c. He is called a Star fallen from Heaven; or

ſome notable Perſon of great Dignity in the Church: falling like *Lucifer*, from giving light unto the World, and erecting a Kingdom by a noyſom pack of crafty cruel Vermin. He hath the key of the bottomleſs Pit: (Or of Hell it ſelf,) whither he ſendeth and letteth in, thouſands of Souls, thorow the ſmoaky Miſts of Darkneſs, Ignorance and Superſtition; out of which Smoak, came thoſe Locuſts (or Abbots, Cardinals, Monks, Friers, Prieſts and Shavelings) which ſting like to Scorpions (or, with damnable Errors and Hereſies) all ſave the green ones of God, *ver.* 4. And theſe ſo ſtung, finding no Comfort in Pardons, Maſſes, Merits, Dirges, Croſſes and the like, ſhall in torment of conſcience ſeek for death and not find it, *ver.* 6.

These Locuſts are ſtrong and fierce as Horſes; and their Crowns ſhew them to be Conquerors. They have the faces of Men (or fair pretences of Holineſs) but hair of Women (or hearts full of Luſt) Teeth of Lyons (to catch enough, and hold faſt enough: witneſs the many fat Morſels they did devour, where-ever they were ſeated.) Their King is a bad one, or *Abaddon*; the Devil, and his Vicar the Pope, the ſpoylers and deſtroyers of the Church of God. Their Doctrin is ſet down, *ver.* 20. Worſhip of Devils and Idols (or ſpiritual Fornication) Murder (both ſpiritual and corporal) Sorcery (by Relicks *Agnus Dei*'s, inchanting Prayers to preſerve from Shot, Thunder and the like.) Fornication (corporal, through inordinate Luſts and Lechery, increaſed by Idleneſs and Belly-chear, in both Sexes reſtrain-

reſtrained from holy Marriage, to a filthy monaſtical life, as by many Proofs hath been made apparent,) Theft, (robbing God of his Titles, and beſtowing them on Antichriſt:) and couſening men of their Goods, by Pardons, Jubilees, juggling Wares and Merchandiſe.

The deſcription is ended, *Chap.* 10. 6. Where the Angel ſweareth, Time ſhall be no more: and the next Angel or ſeventh, blowing the ſeventh Trumpet, doth ſhew the Myſtery of God to be finiſhed *ver.* 7.

CHAP. 18. 11.

THirdly, by his growth and manner of government. He is called another Beaſt (becauſe he differs from the former (*ver.* 1.) or civil Roman Emperor, in ſpiritual Juriſdiction, tyrannizing over men by an Eccleſiaſtical Power, which the Emperors had not. He is ſaid to riſe out of the Earth (or from a baſe and low Eſtate, to mount up through the Emperours favour) by little and little. He hath two horns (like the Lamb,) ſignifying his Kingdom and his Prieſthood, his Civil and Eccleſiaſtical Power, which he uſurpeth from Chriſt, but hath indeed from the Dragon; (like whom he ſpake) in all his Decrees, Canons, Practices and Proceedings. He did all that the firſt Beaſt could do, that is, he is ſtrong and mighty, and nothing inferior to the Ethnick Emperor, priding himſelf in lies and wonders: *ver.* 13. ſending fire of Excommunication rom Heaven; deceiving by damnable Do- *The third Deſcription.*

strins of Devils, *verse* 14. Killing and burning for Hereticks, all that will not worship the Beast, and marking all that do worship, for slaves and vassals. And this Mark must be set in their Foreheads (to signifie their Profession, and to acknowledge their Subjection; or in their right hand) to testifie their absolute actual obedience to his Commands, upon supposition that he cannot err. None may buy or sell without this Mark, and therefore Perjury and breach of Promise and Faith with Christians, is a vertue in a Catholick. Now that *Rome* is this Antichristian Beast, the *Number* doth signifie and shew, *ver.* 18. and ὁ λατεινος, Latine Service, Romish Faith, Romish Church, and sweareth to it in number and measure. Upon this Beast are seven Viols of God's Wrath and Vengeance, propheſied to be poured out, *Chap* 16. and the seventh being emptied, it is said, *that Babylon came in remembrance before God*, Verse 19.

CHAP. 17. 3.

LAstly, by his dangerous and deadly Allurements, as the true Spouse, (*Chap.* 12.) for here the adulterous Spouse is likened to a Woman; but yet a Whore, for her spiritual Adultery; and drunken with the Blood of the Saints, tho' a gorgeous and glorious Whore in outward shew, *ver.* 6. The Inscription by which she is to be known, is called a Mystery, *Verse* 5.

First, and she takes her self to be the Visible Head of the Church, the mystical Bo-

Body of Christ, and the Dispenser of the Mysteries of God.

Secondly, as she deserves indeed, and as the rest of her Titles bear witness: *verse* 5. Mother of Whoredoms, *&c.* or a Mystery of all Abominations under a pretext of Holiness.

Now, this Whore of *Babylon*, *that* rideth on the Beast, is not any one Man, but a Succession in Government, *Chap.* 17, 18. The Beast is said to have seven Heads, *Chap.* 13.1. and *Chap.* 17.7. Which are expounded to be *Roma Septicollis*, or *Rome* built on seven Hills: the names whereof are these, *Palatinus, Quirinalis, Aventinus, Viminalis, Cœlius, Exquilinus, Capitolinus.* Or else seven Forms of Government, as is shewed before, of which the sixth, *viz.* (the Government by Emperors) was in being, when St. *John* wrote: *Chap.* 17. *ver* 10. The seventh was not then come, namely, the Ecclesiastical Government by Bishops; which succeeded at *Rome*, upon the Translation of the Imperial Seat to *Constantinople*, (and was to continue but a short space) or, about two hundred seventy six Years, *viz.* from the time of *Constantine*, to the time of *Phocas* the Emperor, who gave to *Boniface Bishop of Rome*, the Title of Universal Bishop, and Head of all Churches. And by this means (the perfection of defection, and Popish Corruption coming in) was brought forth the eighth Beast, one of the seven in shew, because still seeming to succeed the Bishops in Ecclesiastical Form of Government.

The means by which Antichriſt ſhall be Confounded.

CHAP. 11. 3.

1. THey are called two Witneſſes, and they may ſignifie either the old, and new Teſtaments, both which *Antichriſt* hath endeavoured to diſgrace, deface, corrupt, ſuppreſs and deſtroy, calling the Scripture a noſe of Wax, and a dead Letter, a leaden Rule; and preferring the Traditions of Men above them. Theſe Witneſſes in the Primitive Church, were cloathed in ſackcloth, and preached Repentance, by the ſpace of five or ſix hundred Years. But having done their Meſſage, the Roman Beaſt made War upon them, and overcame them, ſo that they lay open to contempt, cared for of none, underſtood of few, and feared of all to be medled withal. (Yea, they were killed) and the very Throat of them cut, by a general Cenſure, Printed at *Venice*, *An.* 1562. Which condemneth all for heretical, that contradict their Traditions.

Thus lay their Bodies without Vigor, *Ver.* 8. (as ſometimes the Law, until it was revived, 2 *Chron.* 34. 14.) and worldly men rejoyced, *Ver.* 10. for now they had liberty to

to do what they lifted, a Pardon for all might be procured by their Purſe.

Yet at laſt (praiſed be God) we ſee theſe Witneſſes to ariſe again, and beginning to ſhine in their former Glory, *ver.* 11.

Which happy Alteration and Exaltation of them, hath bred ſuch an Earthquake, among the Nations that a good part of them that were in Subjection to that City, are fallen from her, and have rejected her yoke, *Verſe* 13.

2. Or theſe Witneſſes may ſignifie the Preachers of the Word. Two only are mentioned, becauſe two are ſufficient in Law. Theſe for preaching the foreſaid Truth and Doctrin, diſcovering the Man of ſin, and his Corruptions, were put to cruel Deaths and Torments; but roſe again in the perſon of their Succeſſors, ſupplying their room, and ſtill bearing witneſs to the ſame Truth. Of which grew that memorable and miraculous Obſervation, *Sanguis Martyrum ſemen Eccleſiæ*, the Martyrs Blood the ſeed of the Church. The mighty and marvellous power of this Truth, hath of latter times ſo encreaſed, that many Kingdoms and great Nations, have in few years been converted thereby, to the true Worſhip of Almighty God.

The ſeven laſt laſt Plagues and Viols of God's *Wrath.*

CHAP. 16. 1.

1. THe firſt Viol being poured out, there fell a noyſom and grievous Sore. Some underſtand by it the *Pox*, called *Morbus Neapolitanus*, a ſtrange and loathſom Ulcer, which firſt lighted on the ancient chief Crutches and ſupporters of the *Pope*; namely the *Italians*, *Spaniards* and *Frenchmen*, for their filthy Whoredoms and Beaſtlineſs, in the Year of our Lord, 1494.

2. The ſecond turned the Sea (of the World) into Blood, by *Turkiſh* and *Popiſh* Maſſacres, Murders and mortal Wars.

3. The third ſheweth the Increaſe of that Plague: It cometh home even to the very Doors, their Rivers and Fountains ran Blood.

4. The fourth, cauſed the Sun (by ſcorching and drying) to torment with Dearth, Plagues and ſundry Diſeaſes.

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The fifth darkened the Kingdom of the Beaſt: which is fulfilled in the Revolt of Proteſtant Princes, from Obedience to the Pope, and it is to them the greateſt Plague of all others, *Verſe* 10. 5.

The ſixth dryed up the River *Euphrates*, (which was the beſt truſted defence of the old *Babylon*) that is, conſumed the Riches, Honour, Glory and Strength of *Romiſh Babylon*. And this maketh the Fiſh, nay, the Frogs, to beſtir themſelves: for it is ſaid, (that three Frogs came out) a plural number; noting their multitude and threefold direction. For, Firſt they are raiſed and inſpired by the Dragon the Devil. 6.

Secondly, they are maintained by the Beaſt, *Antichriſt*.

And thirdly, they are inſtructed by the falſe Prophet, the *Apoſtatick* Church, to defend the Triple-crowned Monarch the *Pope* of *Rome*.

Frogs they are fitly named, being indeed Animals of either Element, Air, Earth, and Water, croaking in every Corner to ſtop the Leak, to fill up their *Euphrates*, and to gather again the Kings of the Earth, *Verſe* 14.

The ſeventh Viol foreſhews the final Overthrow of *Rome*, by Rents, Convulſions 7.

sions and Confusions, Commotions of their City and Kingdom. And in so fearful a manner, as may astonish even those that hear thereof.

Revel. 18. 4.

Come out of her my People, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her Plagues.

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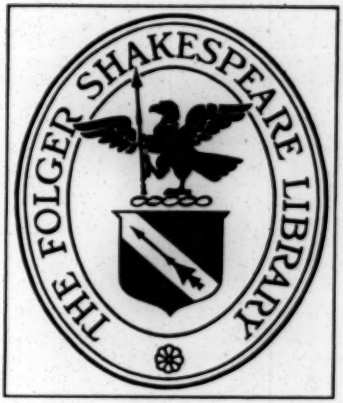
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